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## Irked at CBI leaks, SC defers hearing

Publication of CBI DIG's affidavit, Verma's reply to CVC upsets court; hearing on Nov 29

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed serious displeasure over the purported leak of CBI Director Alok Verma's reply to the CVC's findings against him over corruption allegations as also the publication of sensational charges levelled by the agency's DIG Manish Kumar Sinha and told their lawyers none of the parties "deserved" any hearing.

Making it clear that the court is not a "platform" where people can come and express "whatever they want," an anguished Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi heard the matter twice during the day and said it would not hear any party, including the CVC, and confine itself to the purported leak and publication of Sinha's allegations in the media.

The court was apparently irked over the publication of contents of Sinha's petition in newspapers and Verma's reply to a questionnaire to the CVC in a news portal. The court had earlier directed all the parties to maintain the practice of submitting report and replies in sealed cover in order to protect the credibility of the institution.

of the CBI.

The Bench that included Justices SK Kaul and KM Joseph vent its ire at the start of the hearing and reminded the parties that its earlier order asking them to maintain confidentiality of the CVC's preliminary enquiry report and Verma's response to it was intended to ensure "respect" and the integrity of the CBI.

As soon as the hearing commenced, the Bench referred to an article published by a news portal and solicited response from senior advocate Fali S Nariman, representing Verma, by saying, "It is only for you Mr Nariman and not as a counsel for Alok Verma. We have given this to you as you are one of the most respected and senior members of the institution. Please help us."

After going through the news report, Nariman asserted it was totally "unauthorised" and he was very "disturbed and shocked" by the "leak." He also questioned the move by lawyer Gopal Shankaranarayanan, who is also representing Verma, to mention the matter in the court on Monday to seek additional time to file the reply on behalf of the CBI Director.

After providing the copy of the news report to Nariman, the Bench adjourned the hearing to November 29 on Verma's plea challenging the Centre's decision to divest him of duties and sending him on forced leave, saying, "We do not think any of you deserve any hearing."

Nariman, however, re-entered the courtroom after a few minutes and mentioned the case seeking re-hearing which was allowed.

When the hearing re-commenced, Nariman told the court that the news article in question was published by the portal on November 17 and it was related to Verma's reply given to the CVC during the

news report to Nariman, the SC order asking the CBI chief to respond to the vigilance probe's finding was passed only the previous day, Nariman contended.

During the first round of hearing of the day, Nariman while referring to the media report said, "This gives a new twist to the word responsible press and freedom of press."

Nariman also said the news portal and its journalists concerned be summoned by the court.

"How can this come? It's a leak. I myself am shattered the way it has been done," he said.

The Bench also referred to Nariman about the news arti-

cles published based on the allegations levelled by CBI's DIG Sinha in his separate plea challenging his transfer to Nagpur following the shake-up in the agency after Verma and his deputy Rakesh Asthana were benched.

"Yesterday, we had refused the mentioning (seeking urgent listing of Sinha's plea) and we had expressed that highest degree of confidentiality was to be maintained. But here is a litigant who mentions it before us and then goes out to distribute the petition to everyone," the CJI added.

"Our efforts to maintain the respect of this institution are not shared by these people. They are giving it to everybody," the CJI added.

When Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CVC, stood up to argue, the Bench tersely told him, "We will not hear anything. We will not hear anybody."

The Bench then told Nariman about the news articles on Sinha's plea and said, "This is yesterday's article. We want to know what is going on. This court is not a platform for people to come and express whatever they want. This is a place where people come for

adjudication of their legal rights. This is not a platform and we will set it right."

When the matter was being re-heard, Shankaranarayanan referred to the arguments advanced by Nariman and said that he wanted to "clear his name" which has come under the "cloud".

"Shankaranarayanan said Nariman has submitted that he was not authorised to mention the matter and seek time for filing Verma's reply without the consent of the senior lawyer.

"We are not prepared to hear Mr Gopal Shankaranarayanan. We are prepared to hear Mr Nariman only. We want this place clear. As far as this court in concerned Mr Shankaranarayanan, nobody is under any cloud," the CJI said.

Sinha on Monday dragged the names of National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Union Minister Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary and CVC KV Chowdary over alleged attempts to interfere in the probe against CBI Special Director Rakesh Asthana.

The Union Minister named by Sinha has termed the allegations as baseless and malicious.

## Sushma: Won't fight elections

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Citing health reasons, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on Tuesday made a major announcement saying she will not contest next Lok Sabha polls.

The senior BJP leader told reporters at Indore that she has "made up her mind" not to contest the elections.

"It is the party which decides, but I have made up my mind not to contest the next Lok Sabha elections," she said in Indore. Sushma, 66, has been elected to the current 16th Lok Sabha from Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh. She represented Vidisha in the 15th Lok Sabha as well.

Until 2014, Sushma was one of the contenders for the Prime Ministerial post and even skipped the Parliamentary Party meeting when Narendra Modi's name for the Prime Minister's post was about to be announced by the party ahead of the 2014 elections.

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Modi's Cabinet at the Centre, she was seen to be on the margins in terms of decision making, with the PMO itself playing lead role in the matter of foreign affairs.

According to sources, if the party puts its seal of approval on Sushma's decision to retire from the Lok Sabha contest, she may still be brought to Parliament through the Rajya Sabha route.

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## Man throws chilli powder at Kejriwal, arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had a narrow escape on Tuesday after a 40-year-old man threw chilli powder at him outside the Chief Minister's chamber on the third floor of the high security Delhi Secretariat when the CM was leaving for lunch.

The man, Anil Kumar, was detained, said police, adding that he was later handed over to IP Estate police station of Central district.

Addressing the media immediately after the incident, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader termed the attack as politically motivated. Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said it would not be cowed down by these petty tactics by the BJP.

Delhi BJP unit president Manoj Tiwari said, "Such incidents cannot be tolerated or justified by anybody and called for a high-level probe."

Kumar was targeting the bespectacled CM's eyes, officials said. His spectacles broke but his eyes seemed to have been spared any damage, they added.

Kumar, whose Aadhaar card has been recovered, brought the chilli powder to the



Police detain Anil Kumar, who threw chilli powder at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at Delhi Secretariat in New Delhi on Tuesday

## Serial child rapist confesses to his killing spree

PRAVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

A 19-year-old hardened criminal who had raped and murdered nine minor girls in Delhi, Gurugram, Gwalior and Jhansi has been arrested by the Gurugram Police after they found his involvement in the brutal rape and murder of a three-year-old girl in Sector 66 on November 11. The girl's body was dumped in Gurugram Sector 66.

The accused confessed to raping and killing three minor girls in Gurugram, four in Delhi, one in Gwalior and Jhansi each.

The accused identified as

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Serial rapist-killer Sunil Kumar in custody of the Gurugram police Pioneer photo

## Court awards first death in 1984 riots probed by SIT

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Justice delayed is justice denied" goes the saying and it was amply manifested on Tuesday when a city court pronounced first ever "death sentence" in a 1984 anti-Sikh riots case probed by a Special Investigation Team (SIT). A Delhi court awarded death penalty to Yashpal Singh for killing two men during the riots. Additional Sessions Judge

Ajay Pandey awarded life-term to co-convict Naresh Sherawat in the case.

On November 1, 1984, Hardev Singh and Avtar Singh were attacked and killed by a mob in Mahipalpur in South Delhi. It is the first conviction in the cases reopened by the SIT of the Central Bureau of Investigation. The Delhi Police had closed the case in 1994 for want of evidence. However, a SIT reopened it. The verdict was pronounced

on Tuesday in Tihar Jail after the local police moved a petition in the High Court citing security reasons and possibility of attack on the convicts on the premises of the Delhi court, said police.

The SIT is investigating nearly 60 cases related to the riots, while it has filed "untraced report" in 52 cases. While this is the first death penalty after the SIT was formed, one Kishor was earlier given the death penalty by a trial court in a related case.

## Modi: Demonetisation was a 'bitter medicine' to 'treat corruption'

PTI ■ JHABUA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he used the "bitter medicine" of demonetisation to bring back money into banking system and to give "proper treatment to deep-rooted corruption system" in the country.

Addressing a poll rally here for the November 28 Assembly elections, Modi also said his government has so far disbursed loans to 14 crore people, "that too without guarantee," under the ambitious Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana.

"The amount of work we (BJP-led government) have done in four years, Congress would be able to do it in 10 years," Modi said.

"Remember the time when Congress was in power here in Madhya Pradesh, what was the condition of people? Madhya Pradesh does not deserve a government which never thinks about the state's welfare," Modi said, targeting the Congress party.

Modi said that during the Congress' 55 year rule in Madhya Pradesh, 1,500 schools were made, but Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan established 4,000 schools in the state in just 15 years.



"Our mantra is to provide education to boys and girls, income for youth, irrigation facility to farmers and medicines to elders," Modi said.

Modi said the Congress promised to waive farmers' loans in Karnataka, but instead of doing so, issued warrants against peasants and sent them to jail.

"My government is aiming to double farmers' income by 2022," the prime minister said.

On 'housing for all', Modi said, "My dream is to provide pucca houses to everyone in the country by 2022. We have so far given keys of such houses to 1.25 crore people".

## Sushma stopped coming to Vidisha of late, say locals

PNS ■ INDORE

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj here on Tuesday stunned every politician with her announcement that she would not contest Lok Sabha election.

Bachchan had earlier helped 350 farmers from Maharashtra by paying off their loans.

"Gratitude loans across to the desire of removing some of the burdens that farmers continue to suffer from... It was Maharashtra first, when over 350 farmers loans were taken care of... Now its UP and 1398 of them that had outstanding loans on banks has been done with an outlay of 4.05 crore.

"And the inner peace it generates when the desired is completed," he wrote.

coming to Vidisha as well on health issues of late, claim locals.

Sushma represents Vidisha parliamentary constituency in MP she won in 2009 and again in 2014. Vidisha is also known as safarni citadel which gave parliamentarians like Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Sushma herself and Shivraj Singh Chouhan who won from here consecutive five times in row from 1991 to 2006.

Besides prominent personality from Jana Sangh Ramnath Goenka too had got elected from Vidisha in 1971. The district is also known for being the home of Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi.

Still, the region constituents lacked on development indicators and the trend was affirmed when a Neeti Ayog report put Vidisha among the most backward district in Madhya Pradesh early this year. Swaraj had clarified then that poor monitoring led to beneficiaries not availing benefits of govt schemes and stressed on micro management. The announcement from Sushma has fuelled speculations that whether she is backing out from Vidisha.

After she failed to turn up in Vidisha for long, missing MP posters too had cropped up in Vidisha last year. Many also believe Swaraj could also have fears about a ticket in 2019.

## CAPSULE

**4 TERRORISTS KILLED, SOLDIER MARTYRED**

Srinagar: Four terrorists and a soldier were on Tuesday killed in an encounter between ultras and security forces in Shopian district of Jammu & Kashmir.

**DEMO BITTER MEDICINE FOR CORRUPTION: MODI**

Jharkhand/Rewa: PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he used the "bitter medicine" of demonetisation to give "proper treatment to corruption system" in the country.

**TRS MP QUILTS PARTY, LIKELY TO JOIN CONG**

Hyderabad: Telangana Rashtra Samithi Member of Parliament K. Vishwas Reddy has quit the party amid buzz that he is heading for the Congress.

**BIHAR'S EX-MINISTER MANJU SURRENDERS**

Begusarai (Bihar): Former Bihar Minister Manju Verma, who had been evading arrest in an Arms Act case lodged in the course of probe in the Muzaffarpur shelter home scandal, on Tuesday surrendered before a local court.

## 72% turnout in Chhattisgarh poll; Cong, BJP claim victory

PNS ■ RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh recorded 72 per cent polling on Tuesday in the second and concluding phase for 72 Assembly seats across 19 districts amid allegations of EVM tampering and malfunctioning in several areas. Amid higher turnout, BJP, Congress and JCC-BSP alliance claimed victory ahead of results on December 11.

The Election Commission said that polling percentage could go up to 76-78 per cent as it was still in the process of compiling data. The EC rejected the allegations of widespread malfunctioning of the voting machines and asserted that faulty EVMs were promptly replaced without any disruption to the voting process.

Tuesday's polling has sealed fate of nine Cabinet Ministers of Chhattisgarh's BJP Government and four chief ministerial contenders

## Police solve robbery mystery

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Ratibad police have solved a robbery case in which two miscreants robbed a person of digital camera worth ₹ 20,000 on November 16 at Kerwa Dam. The one of the accused is booked by MP Nagar police while the other remains absconding.

According to the Ratibad police, one of the miscreants was found nabbed by MP Nagar police booked for possession of arms illegally.

SHO of Ratibad said that police Sunil Bhadoria said that police

**Accused was identified as Shareef alias Baccha Khan who has been booked for around two dozen cases in the past by different police stations**

on a tip off regarding miscreant involved in robbery the victim was shown photographs of an accused booked by MP Nagar police and victim

tim recognized the accused. The victim told that accused along with one of his accomplice robbed his camera in the morning on November 16.

The accused was identified as Shareef alias Baccha Khan (28) who has been booked for around two dozen cases in the past by different police stations. He confessed robbery with his aide Saffu alias Saeed (25) of Bhadbhada area, search for Saffu has been started, he added.

During the investigation it was found that victim Pranjal Sahai and Piyush Gupta who

have gone to Kerwa Dam for photography were robbed of their digital camera by two youths who were on white scooter. The victim initially thought that the two miscreants might have thrown their camera but failed to find it and later approached the police. A complaint was lodged with the police and based on the complaint a case under section 392 of the IPC was registered. Police have started search for the absconding accused. In the further investigation more crimes would be revealed.



Members of Dawodi Bohra Community participate in a procession taken out on the occasion of Eid-Milad-un-Nabi in Bhopal on Tuesday

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## SBI observes digital banking platform 'Yono' first anniversary

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

To observe the first anniversary of YONO - You Only Need One, country's first lifestyle and digital banking platform offering Banking and other Financial Services, a grand function was organised at State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Bhopal on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajesh Kumar, Chief General Manager, told that YONO is a one of its kind platforms that is Omni channel ie it can be accessed on the mobile phones, both android and iOS, as also on the web through a browser and allows a seamless customer experience.

YONO offers an array of banking facilities like Fund Transfer, Bill Payment, Application for Loans and various Service Requests. Convenience of Loan against fixed deposit and Pre Approved Personal Loan attracts lot of customers to YONO. YONO is also the first to offer online purchase and viewing of Mutual Funds and Insurance policies within the portal, without redi-



recting customers to respective service providers.

This ensures uninterrupted access and purchase of investment products and financial services. YONO also allows customers to meet their lifestyle needs for which the Bank has partnered with more than 85 e-commerce merchants across 19 categories like Electronics,

Automobiles, Fashion, Home furnishing, Education, Travel and Hospitality, Jewellery, Healthcare, Grocery, Gifts, Food, Entertainment, Cab Ordering, Train Booking etc.

SBI has tied up with country's top e-commerce companies such as IRCTC, Amazon, Croma, Tata Cliq, Hyundai, Ford, Tata Motors, Jabong, Myntra, etc. In a short period of one year, YONO has become the preferred lifestyle and digital banking platform of all, with more than 1.25 Crore downloads.

Rajesh Kumar, Chief General Manager, felicitated Harshita Tomar, Bronze Medalist (Sailing) in Asia-2018 and Syed Jallaluddin

**YONO offers an array of banking facilities like Fund Transfer, Bill Payment, Application for Loans and various other services such as convenience of loan against fixed deposit**

Rizvi, Hockey Olympian player. Kumar also flagged off 'YONO Rath' to take the awareness to a higher level. The YONO Rath will visit various Colleges/ Universities at Bhopal.

It is pertinent to mention that 'YONO Shopping Festival' was also organised by SBI from October 16 to 21 on its digital app YONO, in which special discounts were offered by various e-commerce merchants with additional discounts for SBI Credit and Debit Card holders. YONO Shopping Festival was a huge Pan-India success.

Also present on the occasion were General Managers of the Circle CR Powar and Kaushik Sinha along with staff members.

## Sanidhya, UNICEF jointly launch child rights truck

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

**Truck has TV and 21 films from Aadha Full, a serial film which have interesting reach and underlying messages of gender, nutrition, immunization, child health, education and maternal health & nutrition. The team with the rath has been trained to use the films as they are accompanied by discussions and games with community**

for child rights.

Dance performance was done by troupe 9 members of blinder girls dance academy.

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Anil Gulati Communication Specialist, UNICEF, Madhya Pradesh, Sumit Pathak of Sanidhya, Sonali Tiwari and Amit members of Young Indian and UNICEF specialist of Health, Nutrition, Communication for Development, Water and Sanitation were present at the launch.

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# Bhopal Central likely to witness close contest



BJP candidate from Bhopal Central Assembly constituency Surendra Nath Singh (left) and Congress candidate Arif Masood (right) campaign for State Assembly election in Bhopal on Tuesday.



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**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

**C**lose contest is likely on Bhopal Central (Madhya Pradesh) Assembly constituency which is in possession of the BJP and this time too voting on communal lines is expected to decide the fate of the candidates.

BJP MLA from Bhopal Central Assembly constituencies

cy and BJP candidate Surendranath said that the issues of shifting of slaughter house and fish market have to be dealt on top most priority. For every development project proposals have been submitted.

It could not be denied that major factor which decides Bhopal Assembly constituency seats are caste and

religion above development work in the constituency and Bhopal central assembly constituency has clear demarcations on the basis of communities.

The candidate who could influence votes of other communities would have an upper hand and probability of his winning the contest would be far greater.

Congress candidate Arif

Both candidates have their vote bank at the lowest strata of the society which forms the largest number of people who vote for single reason which is to support them and making basic facilities available and the community he manages to garner votes in his favour which was witnessed in the last assembly election when he lost by around 6000 votes.

Arif Masud said the problems in the constituency have been there for the past five years and BJP MLA remained negligent towards solving those problems.

Referring to the fewer margin in the contest could be evenly poised and mobilization among masses, campaigning and work for the people could come handy this time for contest.

## SP Chief flays Cong for not including BSP in coalition

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

**A**ccusing Congress for not going into pre-poll alliance in Madhya Pradesh, Samajwadi chief Akhilesh Yadav here said that his party had declined Congress' offer of few seats, because Congress was not ready to include the BSP in the proposed coalition.

Launching his party's manifesto for MP Assembly polls in Bhopal, Yadav was talking to media persons. "At one point, it offered us some seats, but we made it clear that if they were not taking the BSP along keeping in mind the national political scenario, they were not interested in any coalition," he added.

Yadav lambasted Congress for going solo saying it was good they did not choose us or the BSP as now we have the chance to highlight their mistakes.



Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav along with other leaders releases party's Manifesto for State Assembly election in Bhopal on Tuesday

eight seats in MP, Yadav hoped the party would improve the tally in MP and this would also help them while planning a national level party.

In a scathing attack on UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Yadav claimed he have a priest CM in UP who suggests to recite Hanuman Chalisa to keep monkeys away and ordered indiscriminate encounters to keep law and order in check. "The law and order issue is so exhausting in UP, our CM was taking a nap in an election rally in MP recently."

To a query regarding UP still having back-bending roads amid his claims of expressways, Yadav took a swipe at PM Narendra Modi saying whether the person concerned travelled to Banaras or on a National Highway Authority of India road.

## Madboxx Media holds talk on how to monetize short films

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

**A**talk on how to monetize a short film and the screening of a short film 'Chhotu' was held here on Tuesday at Central Kafe.

The event was organised by Madboxx Media. The event was based on the concept of telling people that how difficult it is to actually shoot a film and generate revenue from the same. More than 40 people were present to watch the screening of the short film. Along with the screening of the short film 'Chhotu', the official promotional song was also launched which has been created by Dhaivat-The Band from Indore. The short film is based on the real life story of Raghu Diwan and has been co-produced by Abhishek K Naik. Sheena Chohan and Raghu Diwan have played the lead roles in the film. The film was appreciated by audience with huge applause.

Chhotu has been released on

Sony LIV and has received acclamation in many international film festivals like Los Angeles Cinefest 2018, Miami Indie Film Festival 2018, AAB International Festival 2018, Filmsaaz 2018, Virgin Spring Cinefest and Calcutta Cult Film Festival 2018.

The talk session was about how one can create a good short film in limited resources and how it can be monetized, Raghu Diwan, actor and writer of the film Chhotu explained how even a mobile can be used to shoot a short film using the various online tools and applications available on the web. "The first important thing is the idea and the story of the film. Next is the shooting of the film. Then is the editing of the film which you can do even with a good mobile phone using various tools available online and use the applications available for editing. If you get stuck somewhere, then you can use Google and learn how to use the applications and tools.

After the preliminary investigation a case under sections 7 and 13 of Prevention of Corruption Act and started further investigation.

## Lokayukta police arrest Vishal Meda for accepting bribe

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

**S**pecial Police Establishment (SPE) of Lokayukta caught an Assistant Commissioner of Commercial Tax (Tax Audit Wing) Vishal Meda accepting ₹50,000 from a petrol pump operator to adjust tax of ₹ 10 lakh; action was taken in the morning on Tuesday.

The victim Deepak Kori runs a petrol pump in Ashta and was having a tax liability of Rs 10 lakh which was actually Rs 6 lakh according to him and when he went to discuss the issue at the office the accused Assistant Commissioner Vishal told him that the amount would be reduced but he had to pay Rs 1 lakh in return of the settlement of the tax.

Lokayukta DSP Naveen Awasthi said that the victim Deepak Kori was told by accused Meda to provide Rs 1 lakh for facilitating deduction in the tax over the sale at petrol pump.

Later the accused agreed on Rs 80000. The victim was asked to shed money on November 18 but he decided to lodge complaint and based on the complaint he provided Rs 10000 on Monday. On Tuesday victim had gone with the money to the Bittam Market office of the accused and when he was accepting the money Rs 50000 from victim he was caught red-handed.

After the preliminary investigation a case under sections 7 and 13 of Prevention of Corruption Act and started further investigation.

## Election Commissioners review poll preparations

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

**C**hief Election Commissioner of the Election Commission of India OP Rawat, Election Commissioner duo, Sunil Arora and Ashok Lavasa from Delhi acquired information from the Central Observers appointed in the forthcoming assembly elections in 2018 about the activities prior to the voting in the State through video conference from Delhi.

The Commission has appointed 198 General Observers, 127 Expense Observers and 53 Police Observers in the state. Deputy Commissioner Chandra Bhushan and Additional Director General Shefali Sharai were present during the video conference.

The Election Commission took detailed information regarding photo voter slips, basic facilities at polling centers, arrangements for the disabled, law and order arrangement besides tour of sensitive areas from the point of view of law and order, deployment of central police forces, CCTV, meeting of collectors and superintendents of police of bordering districts, organizing promotional activities to make voters aware, various IT applications, registration of complaints, C-Vigil and marked copy of the voters list.

Chief Electoral Officer, VL Kantha Rao told the Commission that basic amenities have been provided at polling booths. Plans have been prepared for the deployment of CCTV and Central Security Forces in sensitive areas. Strict action will be taken to put check on illicit liquor, a truck full of alcohol has been seized in Panna district and investigation is in progress.

## BSP promises welfare of Sarva Samaj

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

**B**ahujan Samaj Party (BSP) Supremo Mayawati here on Tuesday hinted a major policy shift promising welfare of Sarva Samaj like 'what she ensured' during her four Governments in Uttar Pradesh, if she comes to power in MP.

The BSP chief even claimed she wrote to BJP government for offering reservation to the disadvantaged sections of the upper castes.

Launching her election campaign in Madhya Pradesh on Monday, the former UP Chief Minister addressing an election rally in Bhopal explained the reason behind unfruitful alliance talks with



Bhajan Samaj Party (BSP) Supremo Mayawati addressing a public meeting at BHEL Dussehra ground in Bhopal on Tuesday Pioneer photo

Congress alleging the Congress wanted to offer weak seats to the BSP so as to end its existence in the state. She also accused the grand old party of being unnerved after seeing BSP's growing clout in areas adjoining Uttar Pradesh.

"This is the reason the Congress leaders started lev-

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## INBRIEF

AISHWARYA SINGH IN U14 NCC



**B**hopal: Student of Campion School Arera Colony Bhopal, Aishwarya Singh has been selected in Football boys U14 Pre National coaching camp. This Pre National coaching camp is going to be held for five days from November 20 to 24, 2018 in Gwalior. In this Camp, which is being organised by School games federation of India (SGFI), 22 Boys Football players' different districts and different Government, Private, CBSE and Other Schools of Madhya Pradesh in the age group of 14 will be participating. In this camp Boys from Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Jabalpur, Narmadapuram, Chhindwara, Aasta, Shahdol districts from Madhya Pradesh will participate.

### SPS STUDENTS VISIT SCIENCE FIESTA

**B**hopal: Students of Class VI and VII at Sagar Public School, Gandhi Nagar visited the 'Science Fiesta 2018' held at Regional Science Centre on Monday. The Fiest included the activities and information of events and publications of ISS, IGRMS, CIAE, MVR Vigyan Sabha, AMPRI, BGVS etc. The students got exposure to various scientific theories, inventions and ideas in the field of science, history, archaeology, geology agricultural and applied sciences. During the visit, Sagarties acquired knowledge on skills to develop their scientific temperament to emerge as young entrepreneurs.

Speaking on the visit of students, Principal, Sagar Public School, Gandhi Nagar, Jaishree Kanwar said, "We will continue with our efforts to nurture creative minds of students by creating opportunities for our students."

### REGIONAL MUSEUM ORGANISES STREET PLAY

**B**hopal: Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal organized a Street Play based on Clean Air at Regional Science Centre, Bhopal in Science Fiesta on Tuesday. The Street Play on 'Botal Band Hawa' (Clean Air) was performed by Child Artists of Jawahar Lal Bhawan, Bhopal under the direction of KG Trivedi. During the street play child artists informed to the students and general public about the need, value and importance of clean air. During the Street Play, child artist detailed about the causes and effect of air pollution on health and appealed was made to keep clean around them, plant more trees and use the public transport. During the street play, Scientist-in-charge Manoj Kumar Sharma and Scientist-B Beenish Rafat, Project Coordinator of Regional Science Centre Prabal Roy, students from various schools and audiences were present. Beenish Rafat, Scientist-B was the Coordinator of the programme.

### PROHIBITORY ACTION AGAINST OVER 1.6L PEOPLE

**B**hopal: Chief Electoral Officer VL Kantha Rao has informed that after imposition of the Model Code of Conduct, prohibitory action has been taken against 1,66,559 persons to maintain law and order between October 6 and November 19, 2018. During this period, 48,780 non-bailable warrants have been issued. In addition, 4,666 illegal weapons have been seized and 2,61,638 weapons have been deposited in the police stations.

Total 18,96,998 cases have been registered under property defacement out of which action has been taken in 18,41,715 cases. Under government property defacement 14,06,948 cases have been registered while action has been taken in 13,71,792 cases. Out of 4,90,050 cases registered under private property defacement, action has been taken in 4,69,923 cases. During this period 13,535 cases have been registered for misuse of vehicles.

### GUV GREETS PEOPLE ON EID MILAD-UN-NABI

**B**hopal: Governor Anandiben Patel congratulated and extended greetings to the people of the state on the birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammed Saheb on Eid Milad-un-Nabi. Patel has said that Prophet Hazrat Mohammad Saheb spread the message of peace, unity and brotherhood in the world. His personality, creativity and ideals are exemplary for the whole world.

Patel called upon the youth to follow the teachings and ideals of Hazrat Mohammad Sahib and walk on the path of peace and non-violence.

### 100TH EBO OPENS IN CAPITAL

**B**hopal: With our EBOs, we have the opportunity to showcase our entire range of best-in-class appliances at a single location and give greater choice to our customers said Kamal Nandi, Business Head and EVP, Godrej Appliances at the opening of 100th Exclusive Brand Outlet (EBO) in the state capital.

He said that EBO is aimed at delivering a superior experience and will display the entire range of premium products. With the opening of EBO in the state capital the number of EBO has reached five in the State.

Swati Rathi, Marketing Head, Godrej Appliances, EBO is a strategic brand initiative for the company aiming growth revenue and reach but also in terms of displaying the brand better and offering a holistic brand experience to our customers. Naresh Tilwani, Zonal Business Head, Godrej Appliances, said that our success with our previous EBOs gave us the confidence to expand further and in the next 12-18 months, we plan to double the number of EBOs in Madhya Pradesh.

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Name & Address of Borrower	Description of property & Property Owner	Demand Notice Dt.	Amt. Outstanding
<b>Borrower :</b> <b>Mr. Chandra Shekhar Singh Tekam s/o Shri Manohar Singh Tekam</b>	All that part and parcel of the Double Story Residential Property situated at Plot number 21, Samridhi Colony, Rahangti, patwari Halka Number 72, RNM Dindori, Khasra number 63/1/1, Area-1000 sq.ft. built up area - 1200 sq.ft. Tehsil & District Dindori Boundaries: North- Plot No.20, South-Plot No.22, East- Colony Road, West-Land of Chandrashekhar Nayak	<b>20.08.2018</b> <b>15.11.2018</b>	<b>₹ 1728905.24</b> + Interest & other charges

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The borrower/guarantors are hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 Days from the date of Possession of this notice failing which the aforesaid property will be auctioned and balance if any will be recovered with interest and cost from you

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# 'Rahul misleading people on GST, demonetisation'

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad here on Tuesday accused Congress president Rahul Gandhi of misleading people on demonetisation and GST.

While talking to media persons Prasad said the notes ban exercise and implementation of GST helped the country in the long run and steps taken by the centre had made India the fastest growing economy in the world.

He further said the Congress president has been taking up the issue of demonetisation and GST during the election campaign. He is misleading people. These steps have benefited the Indian economy in the long run.

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He said 2.24 lakh fake companies were caught after demonetisation was announced; adding that more than Rs. 4,000 crore had been deposited in the accounts of these companies.

The union minister said the tax base had also increased in the country with the number of people filing Income Tax Return (ITR) rising from 3.82 crore in 2013-14 to 6.86 crore in 2017-18.

Besides, Prasad claimed, income tax collection was Rs 6.38 lakh crore in the fiscal 2013-14, which had increased to over Rs 10 lakh crore. "India is the fastest growing economy in the world due to steps taken by the centre. Now our economy is the sixth largest in the world," he claimed.

# Harshita bags gold at senior national sailing championship

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Harshita Tomar, talented player of Madhya Pradesh Water Sports Academy, exhibiting a brilliant performance bagged a gold medal at the Senior National Sailing Championship.

The championship was organised by Yachting Association of India from November 12 to 16. Harshita won the medal while performing brilliantly at the Olympic Class Laser Radial Event.

It is worth mentioning that the Academy's player Harshita Tomar is a bronze medalist of Asian and she has honored the country and the region by winning a medal in various international and national competitions. Harshita Tomar, won the gold medal and participated in the championship in the leadership of GL Yadav, Chief Instructor of Water Sports Sailing Academy and Arjun Arvad. In the championship, Academy's player Ekta Yadav

won the first rank in the 49Er (Fx) class boat.

Harshita Tomar, who returned to Bhopal after winning the gold medal in Senior National Sailing Championship held in Mumbai met the Director Sports and Youth Welfare SL Thousen. Sports Director Thousen congratulated him on expressing his happiness on the accomplishment achieved by Harshita Tomar.

Interestingly, Harshita Tomar brought first individual medal for the State in Asian Games. Expressing happiness over the achievement of Harshita Tomar, Yashodhar Rahe Scindia said that Harshita Tomar is a talented player of Madhya Pradesh Sailing Academy and has given the first individual medal to Madhya Pradesh, leaving the male players behind in the Asian Games. Harshita is being trained by GL Yadav technical consultant and chief coach of Madhya Pradesh State Water Sports Academy.

On the occasion a website of the university www.librarysubis.wordpress.com and a webpage www.youtube.com was released. Vice Chancellor of the University, Yagneshwar S. Shastri released the website by clicking on the start page. This website covers the world's digital content, library websites, journals and open source content.

Later, Ph.D. student Puspita Lata said that library works like the CPU of a computer. Dhananjay, a PhD researcher, compared the library to the heart of the body. In this competition, about 17 students of MPHil, PhD, and MA shared their views with the audience. The

# IGRMS to organise five-day winter school from Nov 29

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya are organising a five-day winter school on 'Intangible Heritage, Oral Culture and Traditional Music' from November 29 to December 3, 2018 at IGRMS Bhopal.

This Winter School aims to combine theoretical and practical knowledge with no previous experience required. In the first three days the Winter School convener, Rolf Killius, former Curator, Oral and Musical Cultures at the British Library / Qatar Foundation Partnership and Consultant, National Museum of Qatar, will provide an overview about intangible heritage, intellectu-

al property, copyright, traditional cultural expressions, oral history, traditional music and ethical aspects of recording/filming and documenting people.

The fourth day is a practical training session, which includes interview techniques, ethical issues, use of microphones and audio recorder. The fifth day will be a recording event of traditional music and/or oral history.

This Winter School is open to all. However, it is expected that participants will have minimum graduate degree in any relevant disciplines/subjects. There are 30 seats for this Winter School and allotment will be purely on first come first serve.



BJP MP and star campaigner Hema Malini campaigns in support of BJP candidate from Narela Assembly constituency Vishwas Sarang during a public meeting for State Assembly election in Bhopal on Tuesday Pioneer photo

# Man throws...

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BJP in collusion with Delhi Police is hatching a conspiracy to attack the chief minister," he told reporters. "We are not going to be cowed down by BJP's petty tactics," he added.

AAP spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj accused the BJP for the attack. "The BJP is behind the attack and the accused are being aided by the Modi Government," he alleged. Officials close to Kejriwal accused the Delhi Police of being lax in providing him security and alleged that this was the third attempt to harm him in less than a month. The AAP alleged that water bottles were thrown at Kejriwal by Tiwari at the inauguration ceremony of Signature Bridge earlier this month. "Around the time of Dussehra, an unidentified man had barged inside Kejriwal's residence and had tried to attack the CM," Bhardwaj added. In a statement issued later, the Delhi Police said the man is a resident of Nairana in South-west Delhi.

# Sushma: Won't fight

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The senior BJP leader who all along been a member of the BJP's highest decision-making body, the Parliamentary Board, underwent a five-hour kidney transplant in December, 2016, at AIIMS, New Delhi.

The organ was harvested from a living unrelated donor.

One of the high points of Swaraj's rise in the BJP ranks was her high-voltage contest against Congress supremo Sonia Gandhi in Lok Sabha polls in 1998 and was its first woman Chief Minister.

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Sushma became a part of George Fernandes's legal defence team in 1975. She actively participated in Jayaprakash Narayan's Total Revolution Movement. After the Emergency, she joined the BJP.

Swaraj has also served as Delhi's Chief Minister from October 13 to December 3, 1998 and was its first woman Chief Minister.

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# BJP, Congress raise issue of omissions in voters list

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A day after polling was held for the urban local body elections in the state, both the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Congress have complained to the State Election Commission about the large number of people deprived of exercising their franchise due to their names missing from the voters list. While the BJP has demanded a high level inquiry and action against those responsible for names missing from voters list, the Congress has alleged that names of Congress supporters were purposely omitted from the final voters list. Both the national parties have alleged that the names of their supporters were missing from voters list.

The BJP state president Ajay Bhatt stated that names of numerous electors missing from the voters list and other anomalies are very serious matters. Demanding a high level inquiry into this, he said that those responsible for such anomalies should be identified and action should be taken against them. Bhatt said that party leaders and activists from various parts of the state were complaining about the names of party supporters missing from the voters lists in various areas. In addition to this, the names of many voters were listed wrong. On the other hand the names of underaged citizens were included in the voters list.

"This is a serious matter. Due to the negligence of the officers and employees concerned, a large number of voters were not able to exercise their franchise. This is against the basics of democracy and cannot be acceptable."

# 72% turnout...

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Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh who is heading the BJP Government in the mineral-rich State since December 2003, claimed that the BJP would form Government for the record fourth successive term.

"Voters are coming out in large numbers from their houses to exercise their franchise to keep the BJP in power to spur growth in the State," Singh remarked at Kawardha town after casting his vote along with his spouse Veena Singh.

The Congress which is desperate to return to power, too claimed that people voted against BJP regime to get rid of corruption. A Congress delegation led by Congress national general secretary PL Punia met the EC in the national Capital over the alleged "attempts to misuse and tamper with EVMs in Chhattisgarh".

Punia said the BJP "wary of losing the polls, was trying to influence the polling process through malpractices".

"People want a Congress Government. There are reports coming in from majority of areas about heavy polling against the BJP Government. Congress is all set to form the next Government," remarked Charandas Mahant after casting his vote with family members in Korba. The former Union Minister Mahant is one of the top contenders for the chief ministerial post if the Congress is voted to power.

Meanwhile, the former Chief Minister Ajit Jogi, who made the 2018 polls a three-way fight in Chhattisgarh after having an alliance with the BSP, announced that people have cast votes in bulk only to see him as the next Chief Minister.

"Don't be in confusion the JCC-BSP alliance is going to produce shocker for the Congress as well as for the BJP on December 11 when results to be announced," Jogi told reporters. Chhattisgarh has total 90 Assembly seats and polling for 18 seats was held on November 12.

# Serial child rapist confesses to...

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Police said Sunil has confessed to the crime. He said he murdered the girl as she could have identified him.

A team of 15 police personnel led by sub-inspector (SI) Raj Kumar had gone to Gwalior on Friday after a tip-off that accused might visit his relative's house.

On Sunday, police got CCTV footage from Gwalior where the accused was seen having dinner at a religious community kitchen near a temple on Friday. On Monday, they received a tip-off from a person who claimed to have spotted Sunil having lunch at a religious community kitchen around 2 pm in Jhansi.

Later the accused was arrested on Monday afternoon from a village in his native Jhansi district.

"Sunil used to eat at community kitchens, sleep on the roads and did not use

mobile phone, the police said, adding that he also did not contact his family over this period.

"We recovered some money from his possession and we are investigating the source of the money," said Sumit Kuhar, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime).

He was also involved in five cases of rape and murder in which two he committed in Gurugram and four in Delhi. He used to target minor girls who came to community kitchens without their parents.

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**CONSTRUCTION OF TWO STEALTH FRIGATES****India, Russia ink \$500-mn deal**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and Russia on Tuesday linked a 500-million-dollar deal for construction of two stealth frigates in Goa for the Navy. Russia will provide design, technology and some material to public sector Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for construction of these Grigorovich class ships.

Incidentally, the two countries signed another one billion dollar deal some weeks back for two more stealth frigates of the same class. Russia will build these ships at Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad and are expected to be delivered to the Indian Navy by 2022-23. India and Russia had agreed in 2016 for a deal to build two frigates in India and two to be imported from Russia.

As regards the two frigates to be built here, officials said here the agreement for the project was signed between GSL and Russia's state-run defence major Rosoboronexport under the government-to-government framework for defence cooperation. Construction of the ships will begin in 2020 and the first one will be ready for



induction in 2026 while second one will be ready by 2027.

In another development, Russia emerged as the lowest bidder for a 1.5 billion dollar deal for supplying very short range air defence systems to the Indian Army. These missiles are shoulder fired to take down aerial targets and the proposed deal envisages supply of around 5,180 missiles and about 800 launchers, officials said. The other two contenders in the race were France and Sweden.

The firming up of the agreement to build two frigates here came nearly six weeks after India signed an agreement with Russia to buy a batch of S-400 air defence missile systems at a cost of

around 5 billion dollars.

India is going ahead with mega defence deals with Russia disregarding warnings by the US of sanctions. The Trump administration has put several Russian firms under sanctions under Countering America's

Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA). The US said countries engaged with Russia's defence firms

may also face actions under CAATSA. India has been hoping to get a waiver from the US on the deals it was signing with Russia.

Russia is time tested strategic and defence partners of India and is the largest weapon supplier to the Indian forces.

The defence and security cooperation has been on an upswing between the two countries in the last few years.

**Army chief to visit Vietnam**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Army Chief General Bipin Rawat will hold delegation-level talks with his counterparts on military-related issues during his four-day visit to Vietnam starting November 22. Incidentally, the Army Chief's visit to Vietnam comes two days after President Ram Nath Kovind paid a three-day visit to that country.

During the bilateral visit, Rawat will also interact with senior military hierarchy of Vietnam besides visiting key military formations and estab-

lishments.

The Army Chief is scheduled to meet and interact with Defence Minister General Ngo Xuan Lich and Deputy Chief of General Staff Senior Lieutenant General Pham Hong Huong, Deputy Chief of the General Staff during the visit. Rawat will visit Headquarters of an Infantry Division near Hanoi and Headquarters of 7 Military Region at Ho Chi Minh, officials said here on Tuesday.

During the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Vietnam in 2016 the relationship between the two countries was upgraded to comprehensive strategic partnership. Defence cooperation has increased exponentially over the last few years amongst all services including exchange programmes, training assistance and cooperation on various service specific issues.

Rawat's visit will be yet another milestone in giving impetus to the strategic partnership between India and Vietnam and taking forward the military to military cooperation to the next level, they said.

**EC junks EVM tempering charges**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Wednesday rejected the allegations of widespread malfunctioning of the electronic voting machines (EVMs) and asserted that the faulty machines were promptly replaced without any disruption to the voting process.

Earlier, on a day when polling for the second phase was underway in 72 constituencies of the 90-member Assembly, a Congress delegation led by PL Punia submitted a memorandum and video evidence to the poll panel.

The party demanded a probe into the recovery of three EVMs from Ved Prakash Mishra, a Government high school headmaster in Chirrimiri in Kora district. "After seeing the trends of the first phase of polling (November 12) and realising that people are determined to bring the Congress to power, the ruling BJP is indulging in malpractices," said Punia.

Rejecting the congress allegations, the EC spokesperson said that at the 19,336 polling stations being used in second phase using 25,640 Ballot Units (BUs), 19,336 Control Units (CUs) and 19,336 VVPATs, only 47 BUs, 37 CUs and 131 VVPATs have needed replacement during the polls. "Given

sufficient reserves available, the said replacements were handled swiftly by the local polling personnel," EC spokesperson said.

Punia said the BJP "wary of losing the polls, was trying to influence and affect the polling process through electoral malpractices". "Can any officer whether he is on election duty or not on election duty, can take away EVM machines, which is the property of the Election Commission of India and keep it in his house. But it has happened in Chhattisgarh," the Congress said in its complaint.

There were reports of EVMs malfunctioned in several booths across Dhamtari, Jashpur, Raipur, Ambikapur and Korba constituencies, with the Congress accusing the state's ruling BJP of indulging in "electoral malpractices" and "attempting to disrupt" the poll process.

"The recovery of EVMs is a matter of grave concern, especially when the EC has maintained that the integrity of the EVMs is beyond reproach. "This points to a larger intention to subvert the outcome of the ongoing State Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh," said Punia seeking the EC's intervention.

**71.93% polling in C'garh**

**New Delhi:** A turnout of 71.93 per cent voting was recorded till 6 pm in the second phase of Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday and polling remained incident-free.

Addressing a press conference here, Deputy Election Commissioner Umesh Sinha said the polling percentage is likely to rise further as a number of people were still in the queue for voting.

He said the polling percentage for this phase is slightly higher than that recorded during 2013 which was 71.13 per cent. Polling for as many as 72 seats were conducted in the second phase.

Sinha said Tuesday's election was peaceful and incident-free as elaborate security arrangements were made. He added that a number of old voters, including those over 100 years of age, also exercised their franchise and the Commission had made arrangements for them.

The EC said with Tuesday's polling percentage the total average turnout for Chhattisgarh has been 74.17 per cent, which may go up further. During the first phase of voting on November 12 for 18 seats in the Naxal-affected areas of the state, a total of 76.42 per cent polling was recorded. PNS

**Writing very clear on wall, SC's final warning to Amrapali Group**

**New Delhi:** "Writing is very clear on the wall", the Supreme Court warned the embattled real estate firm Amrapali Group on Tuesday over its repeated non-compliance and "hoodwinking" of the court's order.

The top court asked the realty firm to reveal by December 3 the details of all its properties in the name of directors, their family members, relatives, Chief Financial Officers and statutory auditors

in India and abroad.

It gave one last opportunity to Amrapali Group and its directors and promoters to comply with each and every direction passed by the court since May last year.

A bench of Justices Arun Mishra and U U Lalit said that Amrapali Group will have to disclose each and every detail and activity including financial transactions by which homebuyers' money was transferred.

**Govt OK's ₹74K cr for 2,400 sanitation projects**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 2,400 projects worth ₹74,000 crore pertaining to sewerage, drainage and water supply have been approved under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). Under the scheme, 10 railway stations including Tirupati, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Nellore, Madgaon, Lucknow, Gomtinagar, Kota, Thane New, Ernakulam Jn. and Puducherry will also be developed.

The AMRUT scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015 with a focus to establish infrastructure that could ensure adequate, robust sewage networks and water supply for urban transformation by implementing urban revival projects.

As per Ministry's data, 963 projects worth ₹2008 crore have been completed. At least 3,123 projects worth ₹50,350 crore are under progress. "The detailed projects report (DPR) of 487 projects worth ₹7,999 cr

has been approved," it said.

Addressing the gathering at the National Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Innovation Summit, Union Housing and Urban Affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri said under AMRUT, over 2,400 projects worth ₹74,000 crore, targeted towards ensuring an improved water supply, sewerage, and drainage, have been approved under the state annual action plan for 2015-2020.

"The Government is providing various platforms to display, promote and recognise innovations happening across the nation," Puri said. The summit is organised by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) in association with Elets Technomedia Private Limited.

According to officials, Odisha has been ranked second among States in implementation of the projects under the AMRUT. As per the national level rating framework assessment up to October 26 2018, Andhra Pradesh topped the list while

Madhya Pradesh was placed third. "The majority of projects under this scheme is related water supply and to improve drainage system," said officials.

The summit is being held to create a platform for entrepreneurs, including startups, to showcase their innovative products and solutions in the area of water, sanitation and hygiene, and provide momentum to the innovation ecosystem, besides contributing to resolve the pressing issues in the WASH sector.

**INSHORT****PCI FORMS PANEL TO PROBE SCRIBE MURDER**

**New Delhi:** Four weeks after the murder of Jharkhand-based journalist Chandan Tiwary, the Press Council of India has constituted a fact-finding team to look into the matter, the media watchdog said in a statement on Tuesday. Condemning the gruesome attack, the PCI said it is "a cause of concern for all those who believe in the independence of press".

**PAK ISSUES OVER 3,800 VISAS TO SIKH PILGRIMS**

**New Delhi:** Pakistan has issued visas to over 3,800 Sikh pilgrims to participate in the birthday anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev there from Nov 21-30.

**INDIA, BHUTAN DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES**

**New Delhi:** Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale was on a three-day visit to Bhutan from Sunday, during which he told the Bhutanese leaders that India attaches the highest priority to further expand its cooperation with Thimphu. According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), both sides discussed a plethora of bilateral, regional and other issues of mutual interests during Gokhale's visit.

**RAILWAY VARSITY WILL BE SMART CAMPUS**

**New Delhi:** India's first Railway University in Vadodara, which will be the third in the world after Russia and China, will be a "smart campus" complementing the transport-related education, multidisciplinary research and training programs. A Net-Zero Campus, the project to be designed by CP Kukreja Architects, will foster the concept of energy efficiency for the University. There would be a designated area to accommodate solar farms to meet the energy demands within the campus.

**CBI officer's corruption charges crime thriller episode: Rahul**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday said CBI DIG M K Sinha's allegations of corruption against senior Government officials in his affidavit to the Supreme Court are the latest episode of a crime thriller "Chowkidar is thief" playing out in Delhi. Congress president Rahul Gandhi again used the "chowkidar" jibe to attack Prime Minister Narendra Modi which he has been doing for past many months.

"A crime thriller titled 'Chowkidar is thief' is playing out in Delhi. In the new episode, a CBI DIG has levelled serious charges against a Minister, the NSA, Law Secretary and Cabinet Secretary, the Congress president said on Twitter. "On the other hand, his partner from Gujarat is busy collecting crores..." he added.

The party alleged that Prime Minister as usual has maintained a 'Maun Vrat' on the entire petition. "Officers are tired, trust is broken and democracy is crying," the Congress president said, a day after Sinha dragged the names of several officials, including National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Union minister Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary and CVC K V Chowdhury, over alleged attempts to interfere in the probe against CBI Special Director Rakesh Asthana. Asthana has been divested of his duties and sent on leave along with CBI director Alok Verma.

Congress spokesman Abhishek Singhvi said that he said it was "very unfortunate" that people have started saying that the high-ups in the key institutions on which they have confidence have been witness to battles within and levelling charges of corruption, resulting in loss of their credibility and "wrong intention".

**Institutions like CBI, RBI loosing credibility because of NDA Govt: Sharad Yadav****New Delhi:**

Opposition leader Sharad Yadav on Tuesday alleged that institutions like the CBI and RBI are losing their credibility because of the NDA dispensation's "stubbornness" and "wrong intention".

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## An armistice

The Reserve Bank of India and the Ministry of Finance have declared a truce. The Government is the winner



A century ago this month, an armistice was declared between the Allied Powers and the Central Powers, an armistice that ended the first 'war to end all wars'. And a couple of days ago, an armistice was declared between the Union Finance Ministry and the technocrats at the helm of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The distrust between New Delhi and Mumbai has never been greater.

The Government is desperate for funds after the crunch that recently hit the non-banking financial company (NBFC) sector.

The RBI, on its part, made it harder

and harder for small and medium companies to access funds from banks as it sought to repair the damage after years of 'phone banking' by previous regimes, wherein loans on favorable terms were doled out to industrialists close to the powers-that-be. The problem is that while the RBI is taking extreme measures to repair the damage to public sector banks, the fact is that many Indian firms are still scrambling to access working capital requirements.

The Government did have a point that the RBI was tightening the rules far too much. But its threats to go nuclear, as it were, and use a provision of the law that allowed the Government to effectively take over the RBI just because the Government needed more money, would have been the last nail in the coffin for the independence of India's institutions. That would have been a complete over-reaction. The fact that the RBI stood up to the Government is a sign that it remains independent and the fact that it isn't under the control of a pliant Governor, who does the Government's bidding right, is evident. Opposition leaders, particularly Rahul Gandhi and P Chidambaram, were keen for the RBI to show some 'spine' since more liquidity in the economy ahead of elections can only be beneficial for the incumbent Government.

There is no doubt that this Government inherited an economy that had been laid waste by years of bad loans and crony capitalism. The public banking sector remains in a state of disrepair, some banks are just slightly better off than others. While the Narendra Modi Government has done some good things — it chose not to use all the political capital at its disposal to make fundamental changes to the Indian economy and instead chose to go down the curious path of demonetisation does raise eyebrows. And the move two years ago might have had a role to play in the current crisis, with the RBI unable to pay the Government the dividend it thought would be coming its way because of the costs imposed by demonetisation. However, this armistice is more in the nature of a temporary truce, with contentious issues put on the back-burner until the next Board meeting of the RBI in December. After all, the war to end all wars did not stop Europe from erupting again two decades later dragging the world down into a conflagration. What happens next remains to be seen. But ahead of the election in 2019, the outcome of the December meeting and the decisions of the committees that have been set up to look into the issues of contention may yet lead to a nuclear winter for the Indian economy.

## Joining forces

The Mamata-Naidu meet is a step to building an Opposition alliance that can take on BJP and engage with Congress



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister A Chandrababu Naidu's nearly two-hour meeting with his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata on Monday is significant not only because the Trinamool Congress chief's original interlocutor in aid of a 'federal front' from South India, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao, is busy campaigning for the Assembly election in that State and not currently in the thick of Opposition confabulations nationally, but also because it is an attempt by regional leaders to ensure that regardless of immediate priorities in their respective States, there are enough strong regional leaders wedded to the idea of forming a *mahagathbandhan* (grand Opposition alliance) to unseat the BJP from power. But while the focus is, naturally, on trying to ensure one-on-one contests against the BJP in upwards of 350 Lok Sabha seats for the 2019 General Election first mooted by Mamata-KCR at their meeting earlier this year, there is also, now that we are approaching the business end of the election cycle, an effort to shore up the alliance between all powerful regional parties so they can negotiate as a single entity the terms on which this grouping will join forces with the only pan-India political party in the Opposition's ranks, the Congress. That the Congress will have to play a major role in a putative *mahagathbandhan* is not seriously questioned by any regional player, whatever the public posturing. But, parties like the Trinamool Congress, Telugu Desam Party, Telangana Rashtra Samithi, Aam Aadmi Party and the like do have genuine concerns about Congress ambitions in their respective States.

The reason for this are not far too seek. Unlike, say, in States such as Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar where the DMK, Samajwadi Party-Bahujan Samaj Party alliance and the Rashtriya Janata Dal are the dominant players in the Opposition space and the Congress seems to have accepted that its renewal will have to be a long-term project, to put it politely, with its immediate concern being limited to ensuring that a handful of their frontline leaders contesting the Lok Sabha poll from these States are assured support by the regional behemoths, in States such as Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Delhi, for example, it believes that its support base is still large enough for it not to have to concede an overwhelming number of seats to the anti-BJP regional parties dominant there. West Bengal, though, with Mamata's ascendancy seemingly unstoppable, seems to have slipped from latter to the former category of States for the Congress. Where the regional parties and the Congress are in concord, however, is on the need to sharpen their line of attack on the ruling dispensation which is trying to paint them as political opportunists out to oust Narendra Modi at any cost. To that end, the Mamata-Naidu meet highlighting the BJP's alleged undermining of institutions and promotion of the politics of division is likely to be the combined Opposition's campaign template.

# The Afghan quagmire

On the battlefield in Afghanistan, the Taliban has the upper hand. The stalemate will prevail at least till the presidential elections. India would do well to scale up its military assistance


**ASHOK K MEHTA**

**T**here is no respite from Taliban assaults in the killing fields of Afghanistan, from Kandahar in the east to Farah in the west. On the battlefield, the Taliban has the upper hand. The killing, in October, of the most powerful Afghan police chief in Kandahar, Lt Gen Abdul Raziq, also the most formidable political voice in the Taliban heartland, while he was holding a meeting with the new US Field Commander, Gen Scott Miller, who miraculously escaped the attack, reflects the ascendancy of the Taliban. That Taliban suicide bombers could penetrate the concentric rings of the US and Afghan security around his stronghold affirms their military superiority.

But it also reflects the worst ever security situation in Afghanistan, 17 years after the Taliban was ousted from Kabul. Today, they hold control and have influence over nearly half the country's space. The drubbing the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) are taking is unprecedented, averaging daily killings of 62 to 80 ANSF. That they are holding out under such attrition is remarkable.

When the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction in 2014 gave his report on the combat capability of ANSF, just before US troops ended their combat mission, it gave ANSF sufficiency in capability to independently withstand Taliban offensive, but added that it would require US Air support and logistic assistance. It ruled out any strategic collapse. Then, Kunduz, a provincial capital, fell in 2015 and since then, district and provincial capitals have been overrun by the Taliban. In the August attack on Ghazni, Pakistan-based terrorists were involved, prompting Afghan President Ashraf Ghani to call it Pakistan's undeclared war against his country.

US President Donald Trump's warning to Pakistan, repeated several times by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and the famous "last chance" missive by Defence Secretary Jim Mattis, demonstrate the failure of the US' military strategy. It is a miracle that the ANSF is holding out despite desertions. The US focus is, therefore, now on reconciliation and kick-starting the peace process after Taliban supremo Mullah Akhtar Mansour, who let down the US, was derailed down in an attack in 2016.

The Trump team stepped up the tempo of talks, and for the first time, engaged in direct talks with the Taliban's Qatari office at Doha at two levels: With US Assistant Deputy Secretary of State, Alice Wells in July; and with Special Envoy of the State Department on Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad, in October. The Taliban rejected outright talks with the Kabul Government, which they call US stooges.

The Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process is only notional, despite offering unconditional talks. The Taliban has indicated it will continue talks with the US



on terms and conditions for a full and final withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan.

Surprisingly, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Maj Gen Asif Ghafoor has said that Pakistan does not want foreign forces to leave Afghanistan till peace is restored. This is a sharp contradiction of the Taliban's stand, and one which Rawalpindi cites to prove that the Taliban is not 'under its influence, leave alone control.'

So far, the Americans have called the shots on dialogue with the Taliban. Their *diktat* has prevailed with Kabul. This month, Russians jumped in for the second time this year with a conference to kick-start talks. Kabul had turned down Russia's earlier attempt to begin a dialogue. Russians are keen that they have a key role in dousing the fires in Afghanistan. China has also dabbled in orchestrating talks which will inevitably end with too many cooks spoiling the broth.

The most visible change is in China's policy towards Afghanistan which until recently was circumscribed by four Noes: No boots on the ground; No interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs; No criticism of the US; and No use of northern distribution network. Policy shift is from development to security.

China worries about access from Afghanistan via the Wakhan走廊 to its Xinjiang Province by Uighur (ETIM) militants. For the first time Beijing is training and equipping an Afghan Brigade to

be deployed in the mountainous reaches of Wakhan Corridor with joint patrolling in the area. China has signed an MoU with Afghanistan to connect Kabul with the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as well as some joint Afghanistan-Pakistan energy projects.

Kabul is extremely disappointed that the joint India-China project for Afghanistan is merely training diplomats instead of being a big infrastructure project. While Beijing is bound foolish in Pakistan and Sri Lanka, in Kabul, it is seen as being penny wise in holding back its investments.

For Trump, his Afghanistan-Pakistan strategy is in tatters. Still, Pompeo hopes that the reset in US-Pakistan relations will lead to Rawalpindi cooperating in acting against Taliban sanctuaries on its soil.

According to Afghanistan expert Barnett Rubin, there are limits to the use of US military force against a nuclear-armed Pakistan. He added that as long as the US and Nato troops are deployed in Afghanistan, the Karachi-Kabul lifeline will render Washington hostage to Rawalpindi, especially after the US sanctions against Russia and China, which make the use of the northern distribution network untenable.

Pakistan Army Chief, Gen Qamar Bajwa is upset that Trump is encouraging India to acquire strategic depth in Afghanistan at Pakistan's cost. This had never happened before because the US always looked at Afghanistan through

Pakistan's prism. The prevailing theory is that the US will not leave Afghanistan in order to monitor activities of Iran, Pakistan, Russia and China from its strategic bases in Afghanistan. The stalemate on the ground in which the Taliban has a clear upper hand, will prevail not the least till after presidential elections in April 2020. The campaigning season will soon come to a close but already, the Taliban has inflicted fatal damage on ANSF and the reputation of US forces in preventing wholesale attacks across the country.

India has focussed so far on economic assistance and capacity-building. This has earned it considerable goodwill and popularity in Kabul but not the scale of influence that Pakistan enjoys with contiguous borders. It is time that New Delhi scales up its military assistance, including supply of military hardware and more specialised training. India will not put boots on the ground — on which Trump queried Modi — but it can forward deploy at its Ayne Air base in Tajikistan, a full-fledged training centre as well as a field hospital. Both are urgently needed by the ANSF with its back to the wall.

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## SOUNDBITE

Court is not a platform for people to express whatever they want, but a place to adjudicate legal rights.

**Chief Justice of India**  
—Ranjan Gogoi

India attaches highest priority to further expanding its unique ties of friendship and cooperation with Bhutan.

**Foreign Secretary**  
—Vijay Gokhale

There is no point making documentary films. Sorry to say, but nobody reacts to them. People like to see a commercial film.

**Actor**  
—Akshay Kumar

Dissent is agreeable but not disintegration. Debate, discuss, dissent; don't disrupt. This applies to parliamentarians also.

**Vice President**  
—Venkaiah Naidu

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Never-ending debate

Sir — The Sabarimala row has become a cause for concern. While the State is piling police forces in and around the temple, political leaders on the other side of the divide appear to be trying to gain political mileage. They are hell-bent to ensure that the situation becomes more volatile. It appears to be a case of who will blink first. Adding to this is the 'call' by certain social activists to visit the temple by surprise. The Supreme Court needs to take cognizance of the situation and ensure that the issue is settled soon.

**Sravana Ramachandran**  
Chennai

### Exercise in futility

Sir — This refers to the editorial, 'Quota question' (November 20). Bringing more castes into the reservation category will only take the development clock backwards. Even as the previous regime in Maharashtra, headed by the Congress-NCP, brought in an order to extend reservation to the Marathas and Muslims, it was

summarily rejected. It could not stand the scrutiny of the court. The present BJP-Shiv Sena Government, too, promised quota to the Marathas for vote-bank. But this is an exercise in futility as it would meet the same fate as met by the previous regime. In fact, Marathas do not need reservation because they are a progressive community. The Government, knowing it

well that quota over and above court stipulated 50 per cent is not permissible, has made grandiose announcements to extend quota to Marathas. In doing so it has only opened a Pandora's box with more castes demanding quota for their community. The Government should create more jobs instead of making false promises.

**KR Srinivasan**  
Secunderabad

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Poverty is a burning issue in India. Those who are financially not well-off miss opportunities for higher education despite the fact that they are no less inferior than their privileged counterparts in terms of quality or merit. So, the cases of the underprivileged should be undertaken with utmost compassion.

But poverty is not the sole bastion of any particular demographic group. Underprivileged children should be facilitated with free education, coaching services and study materials so that they can be brought at par with the privileged ones to compete with them.

Not only does meritocracy gets assaulted through these discriminatory system, Indian society is also getting psychologically disintegrated, following the muscle-flexing between the reserved and the unreserved leading to a caste war. If a crucial sector like education gets tarnished by caste factors, can unity ever be achieved? The answer is known to all.

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## FIRST COLUMN

### Look beyond politics on N-issue

Nuclear weapons cannot be a panacea for tackling security challenges to India's sovereignty



DEEPAK SINHA

More than 2,000 years ago, Aristotle remarked, "One swallow does not a summer make." Obviously, Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not give this proverb the thought it deserves; otherwise he would have been far more circumspect before waxing eloquent about the successful deployment of India's nuclear 'triad' — the capability to launch nuclear weapons from land, air and sea. For the uninitiated, if nuclear weapons were to act as a deterrent against any adversary, the capability to launch them from land, air and sea would be inescapable. However, given the proliferation of surveillance devices, land-based missile sites and air bases — from where suitably armed aircraft can operate — are extremely vulnerable to being targeted in a pre-emptive attack. This makes sub-surface capability vital as it is difficult to locate or target. It thus, provides the ideal platform to launch retaliatory strikes, which in the parlance of "mutually assured destruction", are referred to as second strike capability.

Amongst various classes of submarines, nuclear-powered ones are ideal platforms for this task as they are far more difficult to detect than conventional diesel-electric ones. They are far more silent and can remain submerged and at sea for a much longer duration. The nuclear-powered and indigenously developed submarine, INS Arihant, does, therefore, provide us with this capability; though at a very nascent stage as only a handful of nations have this capability. While there is much to be proud of, the truth is that one submarine, equipped with a missile of limited range, will have very marginal impact on our deterrence capability, something our adversaries, nuclear-armed states, are fully conversant of. To be effective, as Admiral Arun Prakash, former Chief of Naval Staff, had suggested, there is a need for three additional submarines with far superior capabilities if we are to deploy one submarine on deterrence patrol at all times. This is something that is presently at least a decade away given the delays the Advanced Technology Vessel (ATV) project has faced over the years.

Add to that the necessity for a far more sophisticated and robust command and control system, which if our higher defence management is any indication, has a long way to go. The very fact that we have not yet been able to put in place joint theatre commands or appoint a Chief of Defence Staff, not forgetting the disastrous state of our civil-military relations, doesn't do much for our credibility. It is, therefore, inconceivable that the Prime Minister was unaware of the implications of the induction of the INS Arihant. Obviously, his reference to the subject was clearly aimed at a domesitic audience and an attempt to show himself off as a strong and decisive leader. One cannot help but get the impression that this is just another attempt to use the military to advance his and the BJP's political agenda, just as he had done earlier during the run-up to the Uttar Pradesh State elections when he used the so-called 'surgical strikes' to his party's advantage.

Any Government that wishes to emphasise its strength of purpose or leadership against inimical actions by an adversary, has the option to respond with conventional force, especially if it finds itself under extreme public pressure due to an adverse political climate. Nuclear weapons, however, are a completely different kettle of fish and cannot be treated to threaten an adversary, unlike what Pakistan has been attempting to do over the years. Whatever analysts may suggest, the use of nuclear weapons spells utter disaster and implies a last desperate attempt to deliver a death blow when faced with an existential crisis. The fact is that even our most well-trained and elite units are unlikely to be able to continue fighting cohesively if they suffer around 30 per cent casualties. What to talk of the country's condition having to deal with millions dead in the event of a full-scale nuclear war? Nuclear weapons are the last resort and should only be used in time of emergency, when our very survival is at stake. It will certainly leave no winners.

The last thing we would need is our nuclear capabilities being used to gain brownie points with a domestic audience. In any case, the ATV Project commenced in the 1980s and can hardly be claimed as an achievement of this Government, though missteps in such matters are hardly uncommon. More importantly, politicians in general and this Government in particular must understand that nuclear weapons are not a panacea for tackling security challenges to our sovereignty. Conventional military has to be given the necessary support if it is to be successful in its mission. Unfortunately, this Government, like the previous ones, has been grossly negligent in this regard, primarily out of a lack of self-confidence to provide governance and a unsubstantiated fear that a strong military may push it aside and take control.

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SABARIMALA IS BEING USED FOR POLITICAL GAINS BY THE SANGH. THE CONGRESS HAS ALSO FALLEN FOR IT. IDEOLOGY SHOULD BE FOUGHT IDEOLOGICALLY.

—KERALA CHIEF MINISTER PINARAYI VIJAYAN

## POINT COUNTER POINT



WE ARE NOT HERE TO DISRUPT PEACE. VIJAYAN SHOULD NOT GENERALISE ALL PILGRIMS TO SABARIMALA AS TROUBLE MAKERS.

—LEADER OF OPPOSITION RAMESH CHENNITHALA

## India begins galloping

Reforms undertaken by the Modi regime have helped India improve its ease of doing business rankings. Modinomics has unlocked our infrastructure potential



SANJU VERMA

The World Bank's Ease of Doing Business (EODB) ranking, that saw India's spectacular rise by 65 places from 142 in 2014 to 77 in 2018, has been one of the highest points of the Narendra Modi dispensation. The ranking is further buttressed by the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA), which in its 2018 report said that 100 per cent electrification of all villages in India is the biggest success story this year in terms of providing universal energy access. Undoubtedly, India's dramatic jump in global rankings in the last four years is a manifestation of holistic improvement on the ground. For instance, till April 2014, under the erstwhile Congress-led coalition, the average construction rate of highways stood at barely 11.67 km per day. The current BJP-led regime, however, more than doubled the rate to a solid 27 km per day in fiscal 2017-18. The Modi Government built 9,829 km in the last fiscal; 8,231 km in 2016-17; 6,061 km in 2015-16; 4,410 km in 2014-15.

For 2018-19, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is set to achieve an ambitious target of 45 km per day by building more than 16,400 km of roads. It is worth noting that the first four years of the Modi dispensation saw 73 per cent more highways being built, versus the last four years of an inept Congress-led UPA-II. With close to 200 road projects worth more than ₹1.5 lakh crore heading towards completion by mid-2019, the BJP-led coalition has given infrastructure push a whole new dimension. Again, 416 ongoing and residual projects worth ₹3.26 lakh crore that are being implemented by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and are in various stages of completion, will boost the GDP numbers dramatically in the next few years. Around 28 ongoing projects in Rajasthan worth ₹21,292 crore and 26 projects in Madhya Pradesh worth ₹16,245 crore stack up the numbers.

The Indian cement industry expects a robust volume growth of eight to nine per cent in the current fiscal, thanks to projects from the Railways, like the mega station development initiative worth one lakh crore rupees, dedicated freight corridor projects, Mumbai metro rail, Bullet Train project, among others. Work on the re-development of 400 railway stations into world-class facilities at a cost of ₹96,000 crore has already started with the commissioning of work on Gomti Nagar Station; while work on other stations, like Thane, Lucknow, Kota, Nellore, Ernakulam, Madgaon, Delhi Sarai Rohilla and Puducherry among others will be taken up soon.

In May 2014, when the BJP dispensation took charge, highway projects worth over one lakh crore rupees were languishing for either want of funds or failure to get regulatory clearances. Under the Congress regime, trust deficit, policy paralysis, cost and time over-runs, flawed risk sharing practices, poor governance, stark misuse of funds and failed supervision led to a complete collapse of public-private partnership (PPP), which relied largely on build operate transfer model.

True, while the old PPP model has not been entirely discarded due to past contractual obligations, in a clear and decisive break from past hackneyed economic conventions, Modinomics largely opted for Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) model to fast-track infrastruc-

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In October 2017, in what can generate 142 million man days of employment, the Modi Government approved the ₹6,92 lakh crore 83,677 km ultra mega road and highways plan that includes 34,800 km of Bharatmala Parivarjana, that will cover 500 districts from the current 300, thereby aiming to raise the number of corridors to 50 from the current six, moving 80 per cent of the freight traffic to national highways from the 40 per cent currently, by connecting 24 logistics parks, 66 inter-corridors, 116 feeder routes and seven North-East multi-modal waterway ports.

That Modinomics has walked the talk in terms of unlocking India's infrastructure potential can be gauged by the commissioning of the country's first ever multi-modal terminal on the Ganga river in Varanasi as part of a larger plan to build multi-modal terminals in Sahibganj and Haldia too. November 12, 2018, will go down in the history of India as a landmark day that saw the country's first inland voyage after India gained independence in 1947. For the first time ever in post-independent history, after 70 long years, a container ship on India's very own inland vessel, MV Rabindranath Tagore, carrying 16 containers of

PepsiCo, successfully docked in the holy city of Kashi.

What a pity that the Congress, that ruled India for much of the last 70 years, left India's rich 7,500 km coastline completely undeveloped, with the share of goods transported via India's inland waterways, at less than one per cent. In sharp contrast, the 1,390 km Ganga water course is only one of the 111 waterways spanning 20,276 km that the Modi Government is either planning to revive or build.

Ditto goes for Sikkim that became a State in 1975 but got its first airport, the Pakyong airport spread over 201 acres, at a height of 4,500 km above the sea level, only in 2018. Thanks to the vision of the current BJP-led Modi dispensation. To cut to the chase, it is undeniable that the spectacular push to India's infrastructure story under Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for India scaling 10 per cent GDP growth.

As a rule of thumb, to achieve 10 per cent GDP growth, India's tax-to-GDP ratio would have to rise by at least another three to four per cent, public investment to GDP would need to go up from the current 32 per cent to 40 per cent and infrastructure investment ratio would need to rise to eight per cent. Is this possible? Of course, yes! Demonetisation has not only led to financialisation of savings but widened the tax base meaningfully in the last four years, with the number of tax filers going up by 80.53 per cent from 3.8 crore to 6.86 crore between 2014 and 2018. Equally, GST collections of ₹6.2 lakh crore between April-October 2018, translating into a monthly run rate of a solid ₹97,143 crore, is great news.

Tax collections always see a disproportionate spike in the last quarter of every fiscal year and if the Government collects ₹6.2 lakh crore between November and March 2018, chances of which look very bright, on the back of a laudable ₹1.01 lakh crore collected in October 2018 alone, the budgeted target of ₹13 lakh crore for fiscal 2018-19 will be easily met.

For example, tax to GDP ratio at 11.9 per cent in fiscal 2017-18 was the highest ever since fiscal 2007-08. A target of 12.1 per cent in fiscal 2018-19 may again well be exceeded. In the next four to five years, even at the current run rate, getting to a tax to GDP figure of 18-20 per cent is pretty much par for the course, with the number of direct tax payers likely to double to almost 14 crore, maybe more. Speaking of public investment, getting to 40 per cent of GDP is possible only if more resources are made available, which in turn means banks have to be willing to lend to investible projects.

The ₹2.11 lakh crore bank recapitalisation plan announced last October, which includes ₹1.35 lakh crore of recapitalisation bonds, ₹18,000 crore of budgetary support and ₹58,000 crore of share sales, coupled with the pathbreaking Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, will go a long way in recoveries and upgrades for the banking sector, besides, of course, boosting credit inflow into commercially viable infrastructure projects.

Last but not the least, recent measures to empower India's 36 million odd MSMEs, the backbone of Indian economy, including a turnover based classification, mandatory 25 per cent procurement by PSUs and Government agencies, in-principle approval for a one crore rupee loan in flat 59 minutes, compulsory onboarding of CPSUs and corporates with a turnover in excess of ₹500 crore, on the trade receivables and e-discounting system platform and, increase in interest rebate for MSMEs from three per cent to five per cent, in both the pre shipment and post shipment periods, are all measures which will set the stage for a 10 per cent GDP growth for India, which is there for the taking.

(The writer is an economist and chief spokesperson for the BJP Mumbai)

## How digitalisation tears economies apart

Digital technology is leading to a global crisis in productivity, market monopolies and higher debts. While the supposed game-changer is boosting profits for big firms, it has hit poorer countries and deepened inequities



SHIVAJI SHANKAR

The most coveted digitalisation and hyper-globalisation have come for severe criticism by the UN. This phenomenon helps big firms, big countries and leads to concentration of financial and economic power. Worst sufferers are poor emerging economies. Trade wars and monopolisation are creating mammoths and distorting markets. Digital technology is prying into smaller economies and tearing them apart. Digitalisation leads to decline in demand for physical goods, ongoing decline in their price, long-term decline in the demand fixed capital formation as a share of GDP and jobless growth, said the UN Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its 2018 report.

The global trade war is running towards a deeper economic malaise at

a time when many countries are growing beyond their potential, even as the BRICS nations are doing better, thanks to domestic demand. Among them, only Russia is doing better than others because of rising oil prices. The US and China have indulged in a bitter trade war, with both the countries slapping higher tariffs on each other's imports. This year is unlikely to see a change of the report said. The US Government will gain \$280 billion in tariff revenues.

Digitisation affects production through computer-aided design and any other 3-D software or artificial intelligence, which creates digital models. Jobs are being outsourced to low-wage regions. This has caused stagnation of wages and hit job creation. The report said: The world economy is again under stress. The immediate pressures are building around escalating tariffs and volatile financial flows but behind these threats to global stability is a wider ills, accroo global financial crisis, accos and volatile financial flows. Behind these threats to global stability is a wider failure,rding to the

report, the five largest exporting firms on an average accounted for 30 per cent of a country's total exports and the 10 largest exporting firms for 42 per cent. Since 2008, global debt has soared from \$142 trillion to \$250 trillion, which is three times the combined income of every nation. Situation is worse than expected as global incomes failed to keep pace with rising debt levels. The situation looks so familiar in the Indian conditions even though the country is yet to realise that digitalisation is not the solution.

The report even quoted IMF's 2018 observation that said that available evidence suggests that the digital sector is still less than 10 per cent of most economies if measured by value added income or employment. It found that the ratio of global debt to GDP is one-third higher than before the 2008 crash. Situation is worse in the developed countries that have borrowed heavily in recent years from Western banks that offered cheap short-term loans.

It quotes anns anns another estimate of digital economy being just five per cent of the global output and three

per cent of the global employment. The growing mountain of debt, more than three times the size of global output, is symbolic of that failure. "Private debt has led, especially in emerging markets and developing countries, whose share of global debt stock increased from seven per cent in 2007 to 26 per cent in 2017," the report said.

Over the same period, the ratio of WhatsApp and Google. It cited how the European Commission fined Google Euro 2.42 billion for abusing its market dominance as a search engine by demoting shopping service of its competitor and denying European consumers a genuine choice of service and benefits of innovation. Is India not falling prey to Google and monopolisation of groups like Amazon?

The corporate rent seeking is leading to market concentration. The UNCTAD wants a break-up of the large firms to prevent the concentration. The US had applied the anti-trust law to break monopolies, including the giant AT&T. The UN wants a check on national data transfer and wants the WTO to restrict the Government's outflow of data of their producers and con-

sumers. It is propagating for a strong regulatory regime, lack of which is creating global disparity. Gains from e-commerce for developing countries can become a reality only if they protect national e-commerce platforms. This will improve the domestic and international market access of their producers, selling only Chinese goods.

The UN does not support robotics and artificial intelligence. Robots are concentrated in a few countries, including China, but does not invalidate the role of industrialisation as a development strategy. The use of computers and telecom is estimated to be less than one per cent for most countries between 2000-2014. Strong regulations are needed in a digital world to create anti-trust laws. Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines have introduced regulations, but they are not wide. This is leading to a global crisis in productivity, market monopolies and high debt. A supposed game-changer is bestowing the world with untold difficulties.

(The writer is a senior journalist)



BREXIT: WHAT NEXT FOR MAY?

By deliberately running the negotiations so close to the wire, Theresa May has limited everyone's options, including her own. The key to resolving her dilemma would be movement by the EU on the issue of the Irish backstop. Under the deal, the UK could be locked indefinitely into a set of arrangements without ever being able to unilaterally withdraw from them.

(The Telegraph editorial)

## SABARIMALA ROW =

# Resentment on curbs against Kerala Govt

❑ Kerala Police asks pilgrims not to recite Ayyappa hymns, devotional songs  
 ❑ They have been also asked to complete the trekking to the shrine and return to the base camp in six hours whether they get the chance to worship or not

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Ayyappa devotees en route to Sabarimala shrine have been asked by the police not to recite Ayyappa hymns and devotional songs. They have been also asked to complete the trekking to the shrine and return to the base camp in six hours whether they get the chance to worship or not.

The situation in Sabarimala and nearby areas got aggravated as Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan blamed the BJP and the RSS for the current unrest in Sabarimala. "The RSS and BJP has entrusted hundreds of criminal elements to foment trouble at Sabarimala. The persons who have been arrested from Sabarimala during the last two days are leaders of the BJP and RSS with criminal records," said the Chief Minister while addressing a specially convened media meet at Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday.

The Police continued its crackdown in devotees who recite Ayyappa hymns and devotional songs in the temple premises. Though the Kerala High Court had on Monday expressed its displeasure over the cruelty committed on devotees, there was no let up in brutalities by the cops on Tuesday.

The resentment against the Kerala Government has spread to other south Indian States by Tuesday because of

the stringent restrictions.

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customary Abhishekam (sacred offering to the deity).

Hundreds of disappointed Ayyappa bhakts including women and children who had thronged the shrine from all over the country came out of the temple premises sobbing uncontrollably because of the police brutality. Devotees on their way to the temple have to sign in police stations at Nilackal

allowed to recite Ayyappa hymns. The pilgrims have been told not to speak to the media.

"Those reciting hymns and Ayyappa songs were taken by the police to closed toilets which were overflowing with human waste and asked us to recite the hymns standing there," said Jagamathan, a devotee from Tamil Nadu who had to suffer the humiliation. Former Chief Minister Oommen Chandy led a delegation of Congress leaders to the Sanidhanam on Tuesday challenging the Section 144 slapped by the police in the temple premises.

"These restrictions is a ploy to cover up the failures of the Government to provide basic amenities to the devotees. The September 28 Supreme Court verdict which allowed the entry of women of all ages to the shrine was a result of the changes made by the present Government in the earlier affidavit submitted by us. The CPM is responsible for the impasse in Sabarimala," said Chandy while addressing a

/Pampa and are given a set of printed regulations and restrictions as per the directives of the Director General of Police. As per the guidelines formulated by the police (a copy of which is in possession of *The Pioneer*), devotees have to come back to the base camp within six hours of their signing the register. They have to perform the pilgrimage in silence and are not

meeting at Pamba.

Though the police officials told the former Chief Minister that he would not be allowed to address the meeting because of Section 144, the Congress leaders reminded him about a verdict by the apex court that banned the imposition of Section 144 in temple premises which made the police to make a hasty retreat.

K Ramkumar, senior lawyer and an authority on human rights told *The Pioneer* that he would move the High Court on Wednesday challenging the Section 144 as well as the restrictions slapped by the police. "Their actions will not stand scrutiny in any court of law," said Ramkumar.

T G Mohan Das, another lawyer, said that the High Court had given directions to the Government that they should ply buses between Pampa and Sabarimala at the rate of a bus per minute, the Government by Wednesday cancelled more than 60 schedules.

## Congress, BJP up ante against CPM



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KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Sabarimala, Shah said: "If several reports of flushing resting places for devotees and then having to spend nights next to pig droppings & dustbin are true, then Pinarayi Vijayan must realize that he can't treat Ayyappa devotees like inmates of Gulag. We won't let LDF crush people's faith with impunity."

The charge by Chief Minister Vijayan that the "trouble makers" (those reciting hymns and songs) at Sabarimala were RSS and BJP "criminals" was shattered when the rally by the UDF leaders led by former Chief Minister Oommen Chandy at Sabarimala echoed with hymns and songs praising Lord Ayyappa sing by devotees as well as the UDF leaders.

There is a drastic fall in the number of devotees undertaking the pilgrimage this year because of the uncertainties and tense atmosphere prevailing at Sabarimala. "Usually, there will be 600 devotees packing their Irumudykettu (the sacred bag in which offerings to deity are packed) under the supervision of a priest) from our temple every day. This time the number has not crossed the 200 mark," K Ashok, executive committee member, Mahalingapuram Ayyappa Temple at Chennai, told *The Pioneer*. He said the tensed situation at the Sabarimala has frightened the devotees.

The resignation comes following months of widening distance between the Trinamool Congress chief and the Minister who was allegedly been so "pre-occupied" with his personal issues that he was unable to discharge his official responsibilities. The ex-Minister-cum-Mayor who was entangled in a marital suit with his wife Ratna Chatterjee had earlier been relieved of his key organisational posts in the party. He was divested from the post of Trinamool Congress district president of South 24 Parganas and Kolkata.

## Didi Minister resigns citing personal reason

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Key Mamata Banerjee aid and Bengal Fire and Emergency Services and Housing Department Minister Subrata Chatterjee on Tuesday resigned from his posts for personal reasons, sources at State secretariat Nabanna said adding Chatterjee was also likely to resign as Kolkata's Mayor following instructions from the Chief Minister.

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The Minister who was on Tuesday seen being rebuked by the Chief Minister at a public programme of Fire Department and the State Assembly tendered his resignation hours later expressing his inability to discharge his responsibility on account of personal grounds.

Banerjee reportedly pulled up the Minister for failing to discharge his duties properly, sources said adding the Minister subsequently went to the Chief Minister's cabin and offered to tender his resignation. He submitted his resignation with Gautam Sanyal Principal secretary to the Chief Minister which was summarily accepted and forwarded to the Governor.

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# Bihar ex-Minister Manju Verma surrenders

Muzaffarpur shelter home case co-accused Madhu also surrenders

FAIZAN AHMAD ■ PATNA

Tuesday was the day of much awaited surrenders in Bihar. First it was high-profile Kumar Manju Verma, a former Minister, who surrendered in a court at Manjhaul in Begusarai district and then in Muzaffarpur the highly-connected Madhu appeared before the CBI. Both of them are somehow connected to the infamous Muzaffarpur shelter home sex scandal.

Verma went missing when CBI team laid hands on illegal ammunitions at her ancestral home in a Begusarai village. She had to resign from the Nitish Kumar Cabinet in which she was Minister of Social Welfare department after the name of her husband Chandeshwar Prasad Verma cropped up in the shelter home

case. He allegedly was in contact with main accused Brajesh Thakur and had been visiting the shelter home.

Manju, said to be a close confidante of Thakur, went underground soon after the FIR was lodged for then sexual exploitation of minor girls on May 31. Thakur was arrested and now lodged in Patiala jail but she could not be traced for almost six months.

A warrant had been issued against Vermas for keeping ammunition of different bores, some of them not allowed to be used by civilians. Her husband surrendered in the same court over a fortnight back. The MLA from Chirai Bariaarpur was sent in judicial remand for ten days and the hearing of the case for the couple will be held on December 1.

The Supreme Court had harshly admonished Bihar Government, its DGP and Chief Secretary for the failure in arresting her and even summoned the two top officials to

explain the reasons. This had caused great embarrassment for the Nitish Government.

Despite its failure for which the apex court lashed out at Bihar police and administration, the police tried to take credit for the surrender of Verma. ADG (headquarters) SK Singhvi claimed, "Due to constant police pressure and raids she had to surrender as she had no other option." He said raids were conducted at several places in and outside Bihar. "Her movable assets and bank accounts were seized and immovable assets were also going to be attached. We made all possible attempts to arrest her," he added.

Manju Verma reached the Manjhaul court in an auto and wearing a burqa to conceal her identity. After surrender she complained of illness but the doctors after tests found her healthy. She did not speak to the media people.

In Muzaffarpur Madhu denied having anything to do with shelter home run by Seva Sankalp evam Vikas Samiti and said she was associated only with the press run by Thakur. The CBI is bringing her to Patna for interrogation. She said, "I was not named in any case. But the CBI was inquiring about me from my children. When I came to know through media that the agency wanted to ask me I have come here." She was accompanied by her lawyer.

Four terrorists, paratrooper, Hurriyat activist killed in Kashmir

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Four local Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists and an Army paratrooper were killed in a fierce gun-battle in Nadigam village of south Kashmir's Kulgam district while a separatist worker was shot dead by unknown assailants in Anantnag region. The violent incidents occurred on a day when polling was held in several districts of the Valley in the second phase of the panchayat elections.

A police spokesman said that security forces had "credible input" about the presence of militants in Nadigam area of district Shopian before a cordon and search operation was launched in the predawn hours on Tuesday.

"As the search operation

was going on, the search party was confronted with bullets fired by the hiding militants.

The fire was retaliated leading to an encounter. In the initial exchange of fire one army jawan identified as HC Vijay of 23 Para sustained injuries and was evacuated to the hospital for medical treatment where he succumbed," police said.

During the encounter four

terrorists were shot dead and the bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter. The slain

terrorists were identified as Abid Nazir Chopan, Basharat Nengroo, Mehrajuddin Najar and Malikzada Inamul Haq, all local cadre of banned Hizbul

Mujahideen outfit.

Rohingyas resisting data collection fearing deportation from Jammu

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

Under pressure from different quarters to gather details of exact number of Rohingyas — illegal immigrants from Myanmar — settled in and around different pockets of Jammu, the Jammu & Kashmir police has initiated special drive to collect their personal details in a proper format.

The drive was launched on the directions of the Central Government to gather 'biometrics' of Rohingyas ahead of their deportation to their native country. According to the State Home Department record, a total number of 6523 Rohingyas are settled across 39 different locations across five districts of Jammu region".

Most of these settlements are located close to the vital security installations in and around Jammu.

While collecting personal details of these Rohingyas the State policemen are facing lot of resistance from these immigrants.

"Majority of Rohingyas are not willing to come forward to share their personal details. We are coming here for last two

days to convince them to share their personal details in a proper format but they are reluctant to do so," senior police officer supervising the special

drive told *The Pioneer* at one such location in Narwal Bala area of Bhatinda on Tuesday.

6 killed, 10 hurt in ammunition depot blast at Pulgaon

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

At least six persons were killed and 10 others injured when a massive explosion rocked the Central Ammunition Depot (CAD) at Pulgaon in Wardha district of eastern Maharashtra on Tuesday morning.

The explosion took place between 7:15 am at Sonegaon destruction area near the CAD-Pulgaon, when staffers of the Ordnance Factory Khamaria (OKF) from Jabalpur, were disposing off non-serviceable ammunition.

Official sources said the explosion took place when the OKF staffers, along with the hired casual labourers, were disposing of vintage shells of 23 mm Schilka air defence ammunition.

The exercise to dispose of the expired ammunition began on November 19 and is scheduled to continue till December 8.

Spread over 9,000 hectare area, the CAD-Pulgaon is considered one of the biggest ammunition depots in Asia. A wide range of ammunition ranging from bullets to shells and rockets to missiles are stored here.

Those killed in the mishap comprised one employee of OKF and five casual workers hired by the authorised contractor for digging the pits and placing sand bags on the explosives.

MARATHA QUOTA BACKLASH

Muslim MLAs demand reservation, create ruckus in Maha Assembly

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Devendra Fadnavis Government's decision to accord reservations to Marathas had its first major backlash on Tuesday, as aggressive Muslim MLAs from different political parties created ruckus in the Maharashtra Assembly, clamouring for reservations to their community and even tried to spirit away with the Speaker's mace.

The State Assembly plunged into turmoil, as Muslim MLAs from the Congress, MIM and Samajwadi Party rushed to the well of the House and raised vociferous slogans against the BJP-led saffron alliance Govt for not granting quota to the Muslim community.

The protesting MLAs, a few of whom carried placards demanding reservations to Muslims, disrupted the proceedings in protest against the Maha Government's failure to address the genuine concerns of the Muslim community in the State. Mocking at Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' recent statement asking the Marathas to prepare themselves for celebrations on December 1 over reservations, the placards that two of MIM MLAs read: "Ami Kadhi celebration karachye, Mukya mantri Tariq Saangha (When should we celebrate, please tell us the date)".

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1. Natconn Engineering Pvt. Ltd. Through Its Director (Borrower), Having its office At: A-203, Second Floor, Arcadia Commercial Complex, South City-II, Gurgaon-122001

whereas the execution of recovery certificate no. 493/2018 in OA. no. 84/2015 dated 17.05.2018 ordered by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer Debts Recovery Tribunal-III DELHI for recovery from debtors recoverable and whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of movable property mentioned in schedule property for satisfaction of the said recovery certificate Notice is here by given that in the absence of any order of postponement the said property shall be sold by Shrikhdev Limboure, Authorized Officer, Mobile No. 95161087522, who has been appointed as Court Auctioneer by this Forum through public auction between 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on 5/12/2018 at site for further details Shrikhdev Limboure Authorized officer can be contacted on the aforesaid Mobile no.

The sale will be of the movable property of the above named applicant Company subject to the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property if any the amount to be realized by sale is satisfied by the interest and costs has been paid to the undersigned.

At the sale the public generally are invited to bid either personally or by duly authorized agent. No officer or other person having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, either directly or indirectly bid for acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

The property is being sold "As is where is basis" The sale shall be subject to the condition pre subscribed in the Second Schedule to the income tax act, 1961 and the rules made there under and to the following further conditions:-

The particulars specified in the annexed scheduled have been stated to the best of the information of the under signed, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or commission in the proclamation.

Hypothecated vehicle i.e. commercial Hypothecated vehicles namely.  
(i) CONCERT BATCHING PLAT, Reg. No. 10468391, Model ST-30-TS-IB-CN, engine no. AF827, Chassis No. AF827.

Reserved Price for (i) Rs. 35,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)-EMD Rs. 35,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Thousand Only) for (ii) Rs. 6,50,000/- (Rupees Six Lac Fifty Thousand Only- EMD Rs. 65,000 (Rupees Sixty Five Thousands Only.)

1. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be determined by the Officer conducting the sale. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to bidder, the lot shall at once be again put to auction.

2. Intending bidders shall be required to deposit an earnest money as mentioned above for each by way of pay order/demand draft payable at New Delhi and in favor of Recovery Officer -II, DRT III Delhi. The said deposit shall be adjusted in the case of unsuccessful bidders, the same shall be refunded without interest, on the date of sale.

3. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale proceeds by way of pay order/demand draft favoring the Recovery Officer-II, DRT III, Delhi immediately at the fall of hammer, after adjusting the earnest deposit stated above, failing which the earnest deposit shall be forfeited.

4. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds along with poundage fee@2% upto Rupees 1,000/-@1% of the sale price exceeding Rupees 1,000/-by 4.00PM on the next working day. The poundage fees shall be deposited through a demand draft payable in favor of the Registrar, DRT -III, DELHI.

5. In the case of default the amount earlier deposited by the bidder, if the undersigned considers fit, after defraying the expenses of the sale shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold, and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claim to the property or to any part thereof or of any part of th sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

6. The undersigned reserve the right to accept or rejected any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

Schedule of Property			
No of lots	Description of property to be sold with names of co-owners where the property belongs to the defaulter and any other persons is co-owners.	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof.	Details of any encumbrances to which the property or any part thereof is liable.
(i) CONCRETE BATCHING PLAT, REG. NO.10468391, MODEL ST-30-TS-IB-CN, ENGINE NO.AF827, Chassis No.AF827.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
BATCHING PLANT, Reg. No.10468391, Engine No. AF827, Chassis No. AF827	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at New Delhi on this 24th day of November, 2018

(VIKASH JAITY)  
RECOVERY OFFICER-II  
DRT-II DELHI

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

### See Section 82 Cr. PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Surender Pal S/o Darshan Lal R/o: C-49/50, Chandan Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) offence case FIR No. 357/18 U/s 302 IPC, has been lodged at PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person Surender Pal cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Surender Pal absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Surender Pal of case FIR No. 357/18 U/s 302 IPC, at PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.12.2018.

By Order  
Sh. Manoj Kumar  
Metropolitan Magistrate,  
Room No. 268, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/1585/OD/18(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Rameshwar, S/o Jagat Ram, R/o Hut of Delhi Jal Board, Village Nilothi, Delhi, is involved in case FIR No. 244/15 U/s 323/341/325/34 IPC, PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi, has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Rameshwar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Rameshwar has absconded. Proclamation is hereby made that the said Rameshwar accused of FIR No. 244/15 U/s 323/341/34 IPC, has been registered at PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on date 22.12.2018.

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

### See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Rameshwar, S/o Jagat Ram, R/o Hut of Delhi Jal Board, Village Nilothi, Delhi, is involved in case FIR No. 244/15 U/s 323/341/325/34 IPC, PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi, has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Rameshwar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Rameshwar has absconded. Proclamation is hereby made that the said Rameshwar accused of FIR No. 244/15 U/s 323/341/34 IPC, has been registered at PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on date 22.12.2018.

By Order  
Sh. Manoj Kumar, Metropolitan Magistrate  
Room No. 268, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/1598/OD/18-(Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

It is publicly informed that, one male dead body namely Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age 65 years, Complexion Sallow, Height 5'5", Wearing white & blue checked T-Shirt and red colour Half Pant has been found dead at Footpath Near Nepali Park, Kashmeri Gate, Delhi. In this regard a D.D. No. 36-A, Dated 13.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmeri Gate, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to identify the dead body but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this male dead body please inform undersigned.

SHO  
P.S. Kashmeri Gate, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-23968730

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

### Unknown

General public is hereby informed that one unknown dead body of male name & address unknown, Age: about 23-24 yrs., Height: 5'4" approx, Wheatish Complexion. Wearing cream colour shirt-blue jeans pant-white sandow baniyan-Kessriya Gamchaa was found dead at Divider Peera Garhi Chowk, Paschim Vihar, Delhi on 03.11.2018.

In this regard D.D. No. 20-A dated: 03.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased may kindly inform the following.

S.H.O,  
P.S., Paschim Vihar, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-25263471, 25267286

## SEARCH FOR MISSING

  
Sheelu  
General Public is hereby informed that a girl Namely: Sheelu, D/o Raj Kumar, R/o: RZ-S-297, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, Age

## Renault, Nissan prepare to turn page, heat rises on Ghosn

AFP ■ PARIS

French and Japanese officials scrambled on Tuesday to reassure investors about the stability of the Nissan-Renault-Mitsubishi alliance, after fresh claims emerged following the arrest of auto industry titan Carlos Ghosn on financial misconduct charges.

Nissan and Mitsubishi shares plunged Tuesday after Ghosn, chairman at both carmakers, was arrested in Japan for allegedly failing to report all his Nissan pay and for inappropriate use of corporate assets.

Ghosn has not been heard from since his arrest, though sources confirmed he was being held by Tokyo prosecutors.

Nissan's board has already said it will seek to oust the architect of the three-way alliance, which combined sells more cars worldwide than any other automaker.

Sources told AFP in France that Renault too intends to strip Ghosn of his CEO title and hand over control to his number two, Thierry Bollore, in tandem with the board's lead independent director.

In a statement Tuesday, French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire and his Japanese counterpart Hiroshige Seko reaffirmed their "strong support" for "one of the greatest symbols of Franco-Japanese industrial cooperation."

Le Maire had told French radio earlier that Ghosn was "de facto no longer in a posi-

tion to lead the group".

Yet investors have been unloading shares in the three carmakers since the charges emerged against Ghosn, the architect of an alliance he has held together since 1999.

The three companies are joined through a series of cross-shareholdings and share factories in order to benefit from economies of scale.

Nissan shares dropped 5.5 per cent in Tokyo and Mitsubishi was off 6.8 per cent, while in Paris Renault was down a further 3.1 per cent after tumbling 8.4 per cent on Monday.

Ratings agency Standard and Poor's said Tuesday that Nissan is facing a downgrade after Ghosn's arrest, since "rebuilding its management culture swiftly will not be easy".

Andre Spize, a business professor at City University of London, told AFP that "with him out of the picture, old differences between the companies could come to fore. The alliance could fall apart."

The arrest of 64-year-old Ghosn, the superstar executive credited with rescuing both Renault and Nissan and then fusing them into a behemoth which sold 10.6 million cars last year, sent shockwaves through the auto industry and beyond. Japanese prosecutors have said Ghosn is being held on suspicion of under-reporting his income by around five billion yen (USD 44.5 million) over five years.

Nissan CEO Hiroto

Saikawa said a months-long investigation prompted by a whistleblower had uncovered years of financial wrongdoing, including the misuse of company assets.

Public broadcaster NHK reported that Nissan had provided Ghosn with houses in four countries "without any legitimate business reason," paying "huge sums" for residences in Rio de Janeiro, Beirut, Paris and Amsterdam.

It was a stark indictment of the Brazilian-born executive known as a hard-nosed workaholic willing to take drastic measures, including shuttering factories and cutting thousands of jobs.

Nissan's representative director Greg Kelly, who was arrested along with Ghosn, reportedly ordered other executives to "hide salaries," the Yomiuri Shimbun said.

It also reported that some compensation due to other executives ended up going to Ghosn, without specifying how the process had worked.

Local media reported that prosecutors had negotiated a plea bargain for only the second time since Japanese law changed this year, potentially allowing Nissan executives who are cooperating to receive lighter charges or lighter penalties.

In France, Le Maire said officials had found no evidence of wrongdoing by Ghosn, though the government has clashed with him before over what it termed "excessive" pay.

Expert committee to examine ECF of RBI soon, say sources

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The committee proposed by the RBI Board for examining the Economic Capital Framework (ECF) to determine the appropriate levels of reserve the central bank ought to hold will be constituted soon, official source said on Tuesday.

After a day-long meeting, the Central Board of the RBI had decided on an expert committee to look into the ECF.

It was also agreed that the membership and terms of reference of the panel will be jointly determined by the Government and the Reserve Bank of India.

Currently, the capital base of the RBI is ₹9.6 lakh crore, and independent director and Swadeshi ideologue S Gurumurthy and the finance ministry have been wanting it to be lowered in line with global practices.

The sources further said that guidelines for restructuring of loans for the medium, small and micro enterprises (MSMEs) will also be released shortly with a view to help the cash-starved sector.

The central board headed by RBI Governor Urjit Patel, which met amid the on-going tussle between the Finance Ministry and the central bank over various issues, also discussed the Basel regulatory capital framework, a restructuring scheme for stressed MSMEs, and bank health under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework.

I-T dept does away with mandatory quoting of father's name for PAN applications



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The income tax department on Tuesday said quoting of father's name in PAN application forms will not be mandatory in cases where mother of the applicant is a single parent.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) through a notification amended the income tax rules and said the application forms would give an option to the applicant as to whether mother is a single parent and the applicant wishes to furnish the name of mother only.

Currently, furnishing father's name is mandatory for the allotment of Permanent Account Number (PAN).

The new rules would come into effect from December 5.

Nangia Advisors LLP Partner Suraj Nangia said that through the notification, the tax department has addressed the concerns of those persons whose mother is a single parent and, hence, want to get their mother's name printed on PAN cards instead of the estranged/deceased father.

The notification has also made it mandatory for entities that have made financial transactions worth ₹2.5 lakh or more in a financial year to apply for a PAN card. The application has to be filed on or before May 31 of the assessment year for which such income is assessable.

Nangia said that now, the resident entities shall have to obtain PAN even if the total sales/turnover/gross receipts are not or are not likely to exceed ₹5 lakh in a financial year.

"This will help the income tax department track financial transaction, broaden its tax base and prevent tax evasion," Nangia added.

## Business Corner

NTPC SIGNS MOU WITH ELECTRIC VEHICLE AGGREGATORS



NTPC signed MoUs with Vehicle Aggregators Ola, Lithium, Shutt, Bikix, Bounce, Electric and Zoom Car for development and utilization of public charging infrastructure Tuesday. This collaboration with Aggregators, having presence in the entire spectrum of e-mobility across India, will lead to development of charging infrastructure for the various vehicle segments as well as effective utilisation of public charging infrastructure. The arrangement would thus provide a win-win situation for all stakeholders. Senior leaders from IOCL and HPCL were also present during the event.

ICAI SIGNS MOU WITH CPA CANADA



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada) on November 17, 2018 in Toronto, Canada. Signing of the MoU between ICAI & CPA Canada would facilitate mutual recognition of each other's qualification and admit the members in good standing by prescribing a bridging mechanism between the two Institutes. While signing the MoU, CA Naveen ND Gupta, President, ICAI mentioned "Canada is one of the most favoured destinations for Indian professionals looking to explore global opportunities. The MoU will lead to greater mobility of professionals at either end and herald a new dimension of professional opportunities for Chartered Accountants of both the countries thus benefiting more than 1000 Indian CAs in Canada and other ICAI members in India who wish to get International qualification."

## ₹ gains for 6th straight session, rises 21 paise

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The ₹ rose by 21 paise to end at 71.46 against the US dollar on Tuesday on increased selling of the greenback by exporters amid softening crude oil prices, and persistent foreign fund inflows.

This is the sixth straight session of gains for the domestic unit as the US dollar weakened against some currencies overseas. In the last six trading sessions, the rupee has gained 143 paise.

"Domestic currency strengthened for a sixth day after RBI's OMOs supported rupee's rise that has been set off by declining oil prices and

### VOLKSWAGEN ESTABLISHES MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE WITHIN THE SKODA-LED 'INDIA 2.0' PROJECT

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

As part of the 'INDIA 2.0' project, the Volkswagen Group plans to sustainably strengthen its position in the Indian market. The Volkswagen Group in India is restructuring its management in order to use the existing synergies more efficiently in the development of this important growth market.

Surprat Boparai, currently Managing Director of SKODA AUTO India Private Ltd., will also become Managing Director of the Volkswagen India Private Limited (VVIPL) with effect from 1 January 2019.

Low fuel prices have led to

## Iran to cap petrol sales to curb smuggling

PTI ■ TEHRAN

Iran is reintroducing fuel cards that will cap petrol purchases in a bid to combat rampant smuggling, state media reported on Tuesday.

Smuggling has boomed in recent months as the rial has plummeted against the dollar in the face of the reimposition of crippling US sanctions following Washington's withdrawal from a landmark 2015 nuclear deal between major powers and Tehran.

The Islamic republic has some of the most heavily subsidised petrol in the world, with a pump price of around USD 0.08 per litre (less than two US cents per gallon).

Fuel cards were first introduced in 2007 with a view to

reforming the expensive subsidies system. High limits were set — 180 litres (40 gallons) per day for the average driver — since the focus was on curbing large-scale smuggling.

high consumption, with Iran's 80 million population buying an average of 90 million litres (20 million gallons) per day, according to state news agency IRNA.

They have also fuelled very high levels of smuggling — estimated at around 10 to 20 million litres (2.2 million - 4.5 million gallons) per day, IRNA said. Much of it heads across the border to Pakistan, where petrol costs 10 times, and diesel around 40 times, as much as in Iran.

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reforming the expensive subsidies system. High limits were set — 180 litres (40 gallons) per day for the average driver — since the focus was on curbing large-scale smuggling.

## Samsung launches world's first Quad-Camera smartphone

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Samsung on Tuesday launched Galaxy A9 in India, with the world's 1st rear quad camera, stunning, dual tone, reflective gradient design, vibrant colours, scratch-resistant durable glass back, flagship infinity display and unmatched performance.

Galaxy A9 comes with a larger and wider 6.3 Super AMOLED infinity display for immersive viewing experience which is further enhanced by Dolby Atmos surround sound making an ultimate entertainment device. The smartphone is powered by Octa-Core Snapdragon 660 processor and a large 3800 mAh battery with fast charging capability that

gives you the high speed performance you need, all day, every day. Galaxy A9 is packed with Samsung's latest, path-breaking camera innovations that enable consumers to do more, experience more and unlock more possibilities, every day. Galaxy A9 is the perfect companion for Instagram hungry millennials, letting them shoot in ways they could never do before.

"As a leader in smartphone technology, we are all about meaningful innovation. For the first time ever, we have brought the rear quad camera with Galaxy A9. With ultra-wide, optical zoom, low light capabilities and live focus, Galaxy A9 has a camera designed for every moment in the life of the young millennial," said Aditya Babbar, General Manager, Mobile Business, Samsung India.

## NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Open Tender for Commercial Advertisement Rights through LED Screens at Railway Stations over Delhi Division, Northern Railway for a period of five years.

No. 7 PUB/LCD/TN/NZM/2018 Date : 20.11.2018

For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites sealed Tenders up to 15:00 hrs on 12.12.2018 for allotment of contract for Commercial Advertisement Rights through LED Screens at Railway Stations over Delhi division for a period of five (5) years from the date of award, which will be opened soon thereafter in the Commercial Branch of DRMs office, State entry road, New Delhi. Detailed Tender document along with Terms & conditions along with detail of stations is available on the Website of Northern Railway www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and the same can be downloaded from there. It can also be obtained from the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi on any working day during working hours up to 13:00 hrs of 14.12.2018 payment of prescribed (non-refundable) Cost of Bid Document.

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## TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER
1.	PWD B&R, KARNAL	WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING WITH WBM + BM+PC AND RELAYING OF CC BLOCKS AND NEW CCB ON (I) LANDORA TO SHAHPUR (ROAD ID - 7256) (II) BIBIPUR JATTAN APP (ROAD ID - 7261) AND DHANAURO APP, ROAD (ROAD ID - 7211) IN KARNAL DISTRICT	16-11-2018 (13:00 Hrs) 05-12-2018 (15:00 Hrs)	79452551.59/-	www.dhbnv.org.in CE/ PD&C DHBNV, Hisar Ph. No. 0162-223216 cepdc@dhbnv@gmail.com	pwd-eepd1@hry.nic.in 0184-2251029
2.	PWD B&R, PANIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF 5'-11 1/2" HIGH 9" THICK BOUNDARY WALL FOR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, SRANA IN PANIPAT DISTT.	16.11.2018 03.12.2018	65.26 LACS	https://pwdbr.hryaprourement.gov.in	1802638652
3.	PWD B&R, KURUKSHETRA	PROVIDING AND ERECTING OF OVERHEAD GANTRY CANTILEVER BOARD ALONG ROAD SAFETY FURNITURE ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY - 01 CSR FOR SWACHH AND DIVYA KURUKSHETRA.	16.11.2018 04.12.2018	12.40 LACS	https://hryaprourement.gov.in http://haryanapwd-bandr.org	01744-238066
4.	PWD B&R, CHANDIGARH	DEVELOPMENT OF L/S HORTICULTURE WORK OF PWD REST HOUSE SECTOR - 1 AT PANCHLIA + 2 OTHERS WORKS	20.11.2018 04.12.2018	24.24 LACS	https://hryaprourement.gov.in	0172-2560590
5.	PWD B&R AMBALA	WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING ON LINK ROAD FROM MSM ROAD TO BHURANGPUR IN AMBALA DISTRICT (1 KM 0.00 KM TO KM 0.350) (ROAD ID 84).	20.11.2018 04.12.2018	18.14 LACS	https://hryaprourement.gov.in	pwd-eepd1-ambala@hry.nic.in 9813137118
6.	PWD B&R GURUGRAM	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PREPARATION OF DPR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ELEVATED 30M ROW ROAD ABOVE PATAUDI ROAD FROM HERO BNDL - PATAUDI JUNCTION TO GLOBAL CITY SITE IN GURUGRAM DISTRICT.	CLOSING DATE 26.11.2018	15 LACS	https://pwdbr.hryaprourement.gov.in INDEXES/ TENDER DETAILS /MTA1MDiv	eecdgurugram@gmail.com 7988662397
7.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, SIRSA	COMPLETION/ RENOVATION OF GHV + 12 OTHERS WORKS	20.11.2018 27.11.2018	56.36 LACS	https://hryaprourement.gov.in	01666-2474979
8.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, GURUGRAM	RECALL CONST. OF COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VILLAGE KALIWAHSH +10 OTHERS WORKS	19.11.2018 25.11.2018	2.27 CRORE	https://hryaprourement.gov.in TENDER NO 102635,102640,102641,102651,102654,102661,102689,102691,102693,102920,102921	prexeeng.grg@hry.nic.in 0124-222112
9.	IRRIGATION DEPTT., NARNAUL	REHABILITATION OF 2 NO. 150 CS VT AXIAL FLOW PUMP (P-3 & P-6) AT PUMP HOUSE NB-3 NARNAUL BRANCH HAVING LIFT 28.09'.	CLOSING DATE 26.11.2018	71.02 LACS	https://hryaprourement.gov.in tenders.hry.nic.in	01282-251353
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## China slams Dalai Lama for 'separatist activities'

Beijing: China on Tuesday hit out at the Dalai Lama who is on a visit to Japan, saying that countries should not facilitate the Tibetan spiritual leader's "separatist activities". On the Dalai Lama's reported comments that China and Tibet should co-exist and prosper together, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said here that the Tibet issue is an internal matter of Beijing. PTI

**NORTHERN RAILWAY  
TENDER NOTICE**

No.: 7PUB/New Proposal/TNQ/T/2018 Dated: 20.11.2018  
NIT regarding Open Tender for Commercial  
Advertisement Rights through Installation, Operation & Maintenance of PET/Plastic Bottle Crushing & Shredding Machines at Railway stations over Delhi Division for a period of five (5) years.

For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites sealed Tenders up to 15.00 Hrs on 12.12.2018 for allotment of contract for Commercial Advertisement Rights through Installation, Operation & Maintenance of PET/Plastic Bottle Crushing & Shredding Machines at Railway stations over Delhi Division for a period of five (5) years from the date of award, which will be opened soon thereafter in the Commercial Branch of DRM's office, State Entry Road, New Delhi on any working day during working hours up to 13.00 hrs. of 12.12.2018 on payment of prescribed (non-refundable) cost of Bid Document. 303/2018  
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**NORTHERN RAILWAY  
CORRIGENDUM NO. 1 Dated: 19.11.2018**

E-Tender No. 4/VEHICULAR USFD ON 'B, C, DSPL. and D' ROUTES/NR/2018 dated. 02.11.2018. Name of work: "Ultrasonic flaw detection of rails/welds using vehicular system and verification /marking of defects as per "Indian Railway Standard specification for ultrasonic testing of Rails/Welds using vehicular system, (Provisional)-2009" for 24170 TKM over 'B, C, DSPL. and D' routes of Northern Railway."

3. The said e-tender which was scheduled to be opened on 04th December, 2018 (04.12.2018) will now be opened on 11th December, 2018 (11.12.2018) at 15.00 hrs. All other Terms and Conditions of the tender will remain unchanged. 302/2018  
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**CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

The Executive Engineer, 'G' Division, CPWD, East Block-II, Level-II, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066 on behalf of the President of India invites online percentage rate tenders from the approved and eligible contractors of CPWD for the following work:

1. NIT No.-36/EE/G-Divn./2018-19, Name of work: Providing and fixing grill doors in Staircase of GPRA DII, DI & CII Flats at Chanakyapuri, New Delhi during 2018-19. Estimated Cost:- Rs. 7,88,974/-, Earnest Money:- Rs. 15,779/-, Period of completion:- 02 (Two) Month. Last date and time of submission of tender Upto 03.00 PM on 03.12.2018

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website [www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD). The Press Notice is also available on [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)

**SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON**

General public is here by informed that one person Namely: Ashok Kumar, S/o Kanhaiya Sharma, R/o H.No. B-544A, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi, Age: about 28 Years, Height: 5'4", Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Wearing: Sky blue shirt, black colour Jeans Pant and Sports Shoes, has been missing since 08.07.2018 area of P.S. Sangam Vihar, New Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 40-A, dated 11.07.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Sangam Vihar, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

SHO E-Mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Sangam Vihar, New Delhi Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. 011-26044546, 8750870831 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/4871/SD/18

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING  
THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON  
(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that (1) Radhey Shyam S/o Goli (2) Manoj S/o Radhey Shyam both R/o D-204, Tripathi Enclave, Prem Nagar-II, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 160/14 U/S 323/324/34 IPC at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused (1) Radhey Shyam (2) Manoj can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Radhey Shyam (2) Manoj have absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation are hereby made that the said accused person (1) Radhey Shyam (2) Manoj of FIR No. 160/14 U/S 323/324/34 IPC at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 02.02.2019 By Order DP/1599/OD/18 Sh. Anurag Thakur  
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)-02 Room No. 113, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General Public is hereby informed that a male namely Deepak Asrani, S/o Shri Mukesh Asrani, R/o H.No. K-44G, Pocket-K, Sheikh Sarai, Ph-2, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi has been missing since 28.10.2018 from the area of PS Malviya Nagar. In this regard a DD No. 29A dated 28.10.2018 has been lodged at PS, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi.

The description of missing male is as under:

Name: Deepak Asrani, Father's Name : Shri Mukesh Asrani, Age : 38 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Round, Built : Fat, Wearing : Grey Polo T-Shirt, Dark Blue Jacket, Blue Colour Jeans and Green Colour Shoes in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

SHO P.S., Malviya Nagar, New Delhi Ph.: 011-26691861 26691862 DP/5074/SD/18

## US migrant caravan: Judge halts Trump's asylum ban

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

A federal judge on Monday put a temporary halt to a Trump administration order denying the possibility of asylum to people who enter the US illegally.

President Donald Trump issued the proclamation earlier this month as a matter of what he called national security — as a caravan of thousands of Central American migrants made its way through Mexico toward the US border.

US District Judge Jon Tigar in San Francisco issued a temporary restraining order against the Trump proclamation, thus granting a request from human rights groups who had sued shortly after the order was announced.

Under the proclamation, Trump said only people who enter the US at official checkpoints — as opposed to sneaking across the border — can apply for asylum. Judge Tigar wrote that the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 states that any foreigner who arrives in the US, "whether or not at a designated port of arrival," may apply for asylum.

The rule barring asylum for immigrants who enter the country outside a port of entry irreconcilably conflicts with



the INA and the expressed intent of Congress," Tigar wrote.

"Whatever the scope of the President's authority, he may not rewrite the immigration laws to impose a condition that Congress has expressly forbidden," Tigar added.

When the new policy was announced by the Department of Homeland Security on November 8, a senior administration official said it would address what he called the "historically unparalleled abuse of our immigration system" along the border with Mexico.

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White House imposes curbs on reporters after Trump's confrontation with CNN scribe

Washington: Though the White House lost the legal fight with the CNN over the suspension of the press credentials of its journalist Jim Acosta, it has used the opportunity to rein in the media from raising more than one question to President Donald Trump during a news conference on November 7. PTI

future press conferences.

The White House on Monday restored the press credentials of CNN's chief White House correspondent Acosta, less than two weeks after withdrawing them over a testy exchange with President Trump during a news conference on November 7. PTI

## Xi visits Philippines to cosy up to historical US ally

AFP ■ MANILA

Chinese President Xi Jinping called his visit on Tuesday to long-time US ally the Philippines a "milestone", as he aims to boost blossoming ties on the promise of billions of dollars in backing for megaprojects.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has proven a willing recipient of Beijing's attentions, declaring shortly after his election in 2016 his nation's "separation" from former colonial master the US.

Since then Beijing, which is competing with Washington for supremacy in the Pacific, has promised \$24 billion in investment and infrastructure loans that the developing nation of 105 million dependents. But over two years later, only a trickle of funding has arrived, prompting critics to question whether Duterte has been duped into pivoting toward China and giving too much ground on the South China Sea dispute.

Xi landed in Manila to a red-carpet welcome for the first state visit from a Chinese president in 13 years, which Manila hopes will finally net those investment deals.

"For the Philippines, this is more than a reciprocal visit. It is an historic occasion," Duterte said in welcoming Xi to the presidential palace for the two-day visit.

The Chinese leader offered similarly sweeping remarks, saying: "My visit will be a milestone in the history of exchange between our two countries." Few details were released on the deals inked on Tuesday, including an agreement to cooperate on energy and gas development.

China has disbursed tens of billions of dollars in loans since 2013 as it expands its political influence globally, countering the American hegemony that characterised the post-World War II order, especially in Asia.

However, even before Xi's arrival, hundreds of protesters descended on the Chinese embassy to voice opposition to closer ties with Beijing.

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## Would be 'good' for Musharraf to return to Pak to face trial: IHC

Islamabad: It would be "good" for Pervez Musharraf if he returns to Pakistan to face the high treason trial, the Islamabad High Court has observed as it directed his lawyer to submit the former military dictator's travel itinerary at the next hearing.

General Musharraf, 75, who has been living in Dubai since 2016, is facing the treason case for suspending the Constitution in 2007. The former military ruler left for Dubai in March 2016 for medical treatment and has not returned since.

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## Suicide bomber targets clerics in Kabul, 50 killed

AP ■ KABUL

A suicide bomber targeted a gathering of hundreds of Islamic scholars in the Afghan capital on Tuesday, killing at least 50 people as Muslims around the world marked the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad.

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## 'RETAINING GOOD FACULTY IS THE CHALLENGE'

**DR H VINOD BHAT**, Vice-Chancellor, Manipal University, talks to **MUSBA HASHMI** about how the university got the status of Institution of Eminence, its advantages and what are the milestones in Indian education system

**■ How did Manipal University get the status of Institution of Eminence?**

The Institutions of Eminence scheme which was announced by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development in September 2016, aimed at selecting 10 institutions, each in public and private sector, on the basis of their overall performance and other factors. More than 110 institutions had applied. The committee, headed by former Chief Election Commissioner Gopal Swami, asked us to make a presentation with a looking forward vision of 15-year for the university in terms of academic, financial and expansion. Three universities were selected in the private and three in the public sector. So, that's Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) got the status.

**■ What does this translate into?**

There is a lot of liberty given to us. Universities will be deregulated from University Grants Commission (UGC) and they will also have the autonomy to create their own content for curriculum based on what is needed for the university. They will have the freedom to hire international faculty and set-up scientific method of the fee structure that is very open and transparent but not governed by any agency of State Government. They will also have the autonomy to take 30 per cent of their students as international students.

**■ How will the students benefit?**

One of the advantages is that it will make a merit-blind admission process for the student which means any student, who meets the merit criteria set by the university, is admitted into the programme irrespective of his ability or inability to pay the fees. There should be a robust scholarship programme in place to enable admitting every student who meets the criteria. Thus, any student, who wishes to join Manipal, money should not be a constraint.

Second, making the curriculum contemporary. Earlier, the regulatory body gave us a schedule that this subject should be taught for this much of time period and so, there was no way we can innovate and go outside the framework of what is regulated. But now we can make the course contemporary, value-creating and centered around recent happenings across the world so that the students will be globally employable.

**■ Every year, a large number of students go abroad for higher education...**



### 26TH CONVOCATION

**MUSBA HASHMI ■ NEW DELHI**

The 26th convocation of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), at its campus, saw a total of 5,084 students receiving their UG, PG, and PhD degrees. The university also awarded Dr TMA Pai Gold medals to 11 of its students for excellence in their fields and their overall performance throughout the year.

This three-day gale ceremony was graced by the chief guest Dr H Sudarshan Ballal, chairman, Manipal Health Enterprises on day one; Prof Souvik Bhattacharya, VC, Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani, on day two and Krishnakumar Nataraja, co-founder and executive chairman, Mind Tree, Bengaluru, on day three.

While addressing the graduating students, Ballal said: "You, as the future generation, need to tackle several issues that are plaguing the country and make it a better world. We, as a society, has to change

rect this, we can retain the skilled people in teaching. Moreover, a good researcher is a good teacher, though there are exceptions that non-researchers are good teachers and good researchers are not good teachers. Teaching and research go hand-in-hand.

**■ How difficult is to retain a good fac-**



and there should be unbiased education for all, irrespective of their gender or economic status. Nowadays, even the toddlers have to go through interviews for admission, this system should be modified."

It is payback time, he told the students, adding: "Please give back something to the society in return for what the society has given you. One great idea is to give quality education to the youngsters, who will be our future. It would be a great idea to set up an endowment at the university to help the less privileged."

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For private universities, it is not that hard, especially for us because the kind of environment we create for our teachers is perhaps unique, empowering and liberal. Our teachers are paid reasonably well. We have made the Government pay structure as a benchmark but we don't follow that pay scale.

Our teachers get a quality life and healthcare for their parents and education for their children in the campus itself which can't be replicated anywhere else, especially in Delhi and Bengaluru where it takes almost six hours a day to come and go back from work but here it is about three-five minutes.

**■ What are the milestones in Indian education system?**

A few things that the Government has to change is to deregulate the universities, now it's six, they need to do 20 and then 120. There are other institutions that also deserve to be freed and liberated. Second, to try and get international universities in India. This is a Government Bill that has not been passed in the last 10 years. So, no two successive governments have failed to do this. There is a strong need to do that because you bring in more university opportunities at no cost of the country and second, you also bring good practices and import them into the country so the quality of others with healthy competition increases and so it will improve the quality of education.

**■ What is your take on the trend of the foreign exchange programme?**

First, a student gets a passport of his own, this is a stamp of empowerment which makes them a global citizen and give them the liberty to travel anywhere in the world. Secondly, these programmes give the students an opportunity to study abroad and be a part of a different culture. I don't say whether it is good or bad but all the students have been brought up in one set of principles and it is important for them to experience cultural diversity. They get to study abroad and do an internship in an overseas company which can subsequently.

**■ What advice would you like to give to the students who often get confused in choosing a career?**

This is something that has changed in the last 20 years. People are thinking beyond medicine, engineering, law and a few others that their child would pursue in future. There are so many opportunities in researching, science and humanities and all of them are equally important and they all seem to come together. Now there is no longer an oddity to see a student graduating in one specialisation, taking a master's degree in another specialisation and doing a PhD in third specialisation. The interdisciplinary approach to learning has become a norm and this is what we wanted.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

**Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm**  
— Winston Churchill



**MASTER IN PUBLIC HEALTH**

The IIHMR University, in cooperation with the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA, offers a degree in Master of Public Health (MPH).

The three-fourths of terms will be taught in India, and one term at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA. The MPH degree will be awarded by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and will have same and equal credentials as that in the USA.

This two-year full-time programme will offer a total number of 30 seats.

**Eligibility:**

■ Bachelor's degree with a background in Mathematics and Biology.

■ Valid GRE, MCAT, GMAT, or LSAT scores. (Scores are waived off for applicants who possess a degree beyond the baccalaureate level or MBBS, provided they have the requisite quantitative skills)

■ A minimum of two years of full-time health-related work experience is desirable for candidates who do not have a medical degree/PhD.

**Career opportunities:**

Students get placed as public health physicians, state/district consultant NHM, epidemiologists/ surveillance medical officers, oral health physicians, public health nutritionists, health economists/health insurance consultants, senior/research officers in projects, data analysts in pharmaceutical companies, National and International NGOs, monitoring and evaluation officers, health management information specialists, and environmental health scientists demonstrators (MPH college).

**Fees structure:** This MPH programme is highly subsidised for the students from low and middle-income countries of WHO SEARO with a tuition fee of US\$ 22,000 only. The fee also includes travel to USA and lodge during their stay at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH), Baltimore, USA.

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**AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES**

The University of Sheffield, UK, is inviting applications for MSc Sustainable Agricultural Technologies course starting in September 2019. This 12-month course is designed to give students a breadth of understanding of the agri-food system as a whole.

Students will learn about the major issues in sustainable agriculture and receive training in how to apply cutting-edge techniques used in crop and soil science. Topics that students will cover include issues in global food security, the origins of agriculture and agricultural ecology in a changing world.

The biggest part of the course is the individual research project. Here students will spend three months over the summer in Sheffield's P3 centre for translational plant and soil biology, working with world-leading researchers. The centre is developing tools to increase the sustainability of agricultural ecosystems and your project will contribute to the positive impact that these tools have on global food security.

**Eligibility:** Sixty per cent or first class in biological science or related subject. Overall IELTS grade of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component, or equivalent.

**Fee:** The fee for overseas students for 2019 entry is yet to be confirmed. For 2018, it was £23,450.



### Act to empower

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

### Fellowship programme

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The Tata Trusts and Social Alpha have launched its fellowship programme—the Social Alpha Entrepreneurs for Impact (E4i) Programme and invites application by January 6, 2019. The E4i programme is a 12-month immersive fellowship that equips passionate entrepreneurs-in-the-making to leverage India's deep science, innovation and entrepreneurship environment.

The first cohort of the E4i programme will focus on finding solutions across a few high priority areas like water, sanitation, health, agriculture, energy and environment. From observing the problems on-ground, validating and refining their theory of change, converting prototypes into viable solutions, to developing preliminary business plans, finalists will undergo a practical and hands-on learning experience encompassing all the strategic ins-and-outs of running an enterprise.

All the finalists will be getting a monthly stipend of ₹60,000. To apply, log on to [www.socialalphachallenge.org](http://www.socialalphachallenge.org).

### 'Rise in ease of doing business'



**CS Makarand Lele**  
President ICSI

reforms over the past four years

have metamorphosed the economic and business scenario in a way that there is a legal structure in place, the regulatory mechanism is functioning and in order, and yet none of them is suffocating.

While the doing business index covers the initiation of

business to the resolution of insolvency and everything in between, the idiom 'Well begun is half done' is taken quite seriously.

Single forms for company incorporation Permanent Account Number (PAN), Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number (TAN) and Document Identification Number (DIN) to online single window for obtaining construction permits come across as some of the biggest contributors towards reducing the time taken, the cost involved and hence, the riding up in the global ladder of achievement.

Talk of international business and what matters or rather holds utmost significance is the value of time, timely deliveries and minimal procedural and transit legalities. Reduced inspections, e-filing of documents, electronic sealing of containers have all played their part in simplifying international trades and strengthened bonds basing them on trust and self-governance in the

reformed over. The elimination of personal interface, online single windows, online registrations, mandatory e-payments, digital filings, have all made the delivery of public service at the touch of a few buttons and clicks.

Though the process of easing of doing business seems like a completely Government and regulator-oriented activity, the hidden roles of professional bodies in providing realistic feedback, the practical issues and difficulties facing the corporates, the possible corrective measures and their appropriate implementation, can't be left aside.

If the role of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is to be mentioned, not only is ICSI, the nation's GST partner, but is a constant support in national reformation efforts.

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activities. It is understandable that any regulatory authority, while putting across a legislative structure, requires the comfort of the fact that such laws, rules and regulations are adhered to and the intended purpose of such laws is accomplished. And it is for this impetus that the role and responsibility of professionals pursuing the role of Governance Professionals is heightened.

Understanding the true intent of the lawmakers and policy framers, Company Secretaries, along with other professionals, not only have been playing but shall continue to pursue a noteworthy role in strengthening the nation and its various pillars.

Irrefutably, with a target of 50, as present by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the road yet to be travelled further is quite long and demanding. What matters and is required for this 27 point ascend is a combined effort from not just the law making bodies or the professional bodies alone but the corporates and businesses as well to play their part and adhere to the legal structure in true letter and spirit, thus strengthening the governance scenario and paving way for a simplified legal gastronomy.

The ICSI Institute of Insolvency Professionals (IIP) has been acting as the perfect ground for developing and training Insolvency Professionals covering an area which has witnessed a 28 point improvement in the last two years on the index, that is, Resolving Insolvency.

The ICSI has been continuously striving to analyse and address the issues faced by corporates in incorporation as well as post-incorporation related

per 2011 census, the number of PwDs was nearly three crore people in seven types of disability and now the Government has added 14 more types of disability. Hence, with 21 types of disability, the number of PwDs is expected to go beyond eight crore and we need to scale up measures, schemes and efforts."

Highlighting the role of Sarthak, Dr Aggarwal further said that through skill development, 11,000 persons with disability have been trained till date in its 15 centres. "Training is designed with due consideration to individual's disability, educational qualification, and job requirements in mind. Under its inclusive education, the organisation identified nearly 425 disabled students in 20 Delhi Government schools of West Delhi. To bring them at par with their fellow classmates, children were provided with support in terms of remedial classes and medical rehabilitation through the right kind of therapy and stimulation. Sarthak encompasses job fairs wherein, a single platform is provided to persons with disability and companies to aid the process of employment."

The writer is CS Makarand Lele, president ICSI

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Dr Jitender Aggarwal, founder-CEO of Sarthak Education Trust, said: "Till date, we have placed over 14,000 PwDs with the support from 1050 hiring partners. As



# PRE-BOARDS PREP

For most schools, pre-Boards will either be by end December or beginning of 2019.  
RAJSHEKHAR RATREY shares a few last minute tips for the students

If you are a student who is gearing up to appear for Board exams next year, chances are, your school has organised pre-Board exams in December or January. Most schools advise that you should take these pre-Board exams extremely seriously, despite the fact that these marks are not counted anywhere in the future.

This is true as these exams are important. They provide a Board exam like setting and help you manage your stress and time. Pre-Board exams also show you where you stand. Depending on your marks, you know whether you should buck up, or continue at the same pace. If you are someone who hasn't started planning for these exams, here is a strategy to help you.

**Manage competitive exams and board exams:** At this point, you have a fair idea whether you will be attempting any competitive exams or Olympiads. If you are keen on scoring well in these exams, you should start preparing these subjects beforehand. Give them more importance than others.

**Focus on subjects that need practice:** If you are not studying for any competitive exam, you should focus on subjects that need extensive practice. These usually include subjects with numericals or diagrams like Maths, Science, Accounts, and Computer Science. Use this excess time to prepare each type of numerical and practice your diagrams at length.

**Use other interesting subjects to your advantage:** Don't forget that you have other subjects to study as well. If you like studying the languages or enjoy Social Studies, study these subjects between the practice-heavy subjects. In short, if you have spent almost six hours studying Maths, try giving yourself a break with English or Hindi.

This also has a lot to do with the fact that you're using your left brain for calculations and your right brain for languages and art. This saves you from overloading yourself and feeling fatigued since you have been studying just one subject for days on end.

**Study what is left:** If you have

**PRE-BOARD EXAMS PROVIDE A BOARD LIKE SET-UP. THIS HELPS A STUDENT TO MANAGE STRESS AND TIME. MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT SHOWS YOU WHERE YOU STAND IN TERMS OF MARKS**

time till January for your pre-Boards, the second month is when you study what you have left of the other subjects like Languages, Environmental Studies and Social Studies. Here's what you need to know and do:

**Use the power of flashcards:** For any memory-based subject, start with making notes and flashcards of important dates, movements, and events. For example, you can create a timeline for the Indian freedom struggle on a chart paper and put it up.

**Don't forget what you studied earlier:** Just like last month, introduce breaks in your schedule by solving questions from subjects that you have already studied. This will not only refresh your mind but also give you a fair idea of how much you remember.

**Keep calm and keep studying:** This time can get very stressful for you. You probably have three different sets of exams to take — pre-Board, Board and competitive.

Taking healthy breaks, continuing your hobbies, and maintaining a good sleep cycle will help

you study with a fresh mind. Don't feel demotivated or intimidated, but just focus on giving it your best shot.

**During your pre-board exams:** Ideally, you should have finished your exam portion by now. If you have, then spend the days of your pre-boards solving previous years' question papers and mock tests. After solving each test, go back to your mistakes and make notes about where you had gone wrong.

**If you have not finished your exam portion, don't fret:** Remember that you still have time before the Boards. Before every pre-Board paper, try to read and understand the portion that you haven't studied yet, even if you don't memorise it 100 per cent. This will help you when you start studying it for Boards.

Keep your mind calm, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and always be motivated. Focus on your syllabus and previous year question papers and put in as much effort as you can.

The writer is VP, Educational Content, Toppr.com

**M**ost of us spend our time and energy on achieving goals, isn't it? But even the same goal can be reached with different costs by different people. It happens because all of us have different personal effectiveness. Our effectiveness depends on our innate characteristics - talent and experience accumulated in the process of personal development. Talents first are needed to be identified and then developed to be used in a particular subject area (science, literature, sports, politics, etc.). Experience includes knowledge and skills that we acquire in the process of cognitive and practical activities. Knowledge is required for setting goals, defining an action plan to achieve them and risk

assessment. Skills also determine whether real actions are performed in accordance with the plan. If the same ability is used many times in the same situation, then it becomes a habit that runs automatically, subconsciously. In this way you will make yourself ever ready for success.

The seven mantras of success:

**Determination:** It allows you to focus only on achieving a specific goal without being distracted by less important things or spontaneous desires. It may be developed with the help of self-discipline exercise.

**Self-confidence:** It appears in the process of personal development, as a result of getting aware of yourself, your actions and their consequences. Self-confidence is

manifested in speech, appearance, dressing, gait, and physical condition. To develop it, you need to learn yourself and your capabilities, gain positive attitude and believe that by performing right actions and achieving the right goals you will certainly reach success.

**Persistence:** It makes you keep moving forward regardless of emerging obstacles - problems, laziness, bad emotional state, etc. It reduces the costs of overcoming obstacles. It can also be developed with the help of self-discipline exercise.

## MIND IT

**Managing stress:** It helps combat stress that arises in daily life from the environment and other people. Stress arises from the uncertainty in an unknown situation when a lack of information creates the risk of negative consequences of your actions. It increases efficiency in the actively changing environment. It requires problem-solving skills.

**Problem-solving skills:** They help cope with the problems encountered with a lack of experience. It increases efficiency by adopting new ways of achieving goals when

obtaining a new experience.

**Creativity:** It allows you to find extraordinary ways to carry out a specific action that no one has tried to use. It can lead to a decrease or an increase of costs, but usually the speed of action is greatly increased when using creative tools. It requires the ability to generate ideas.

**Generating ideas:** It helps you achieve goals using new, original, unconventional ideas. The idea is a mental image of an object formed by the human mind, which can be changed before being implemented in the real world. For generating ideas you can use a method of mental maps, which allows you to materialise, visualise and scrutinise all your ideas, which in turn contributes to the

emergence of new ideas.

The most important success skills are your intrinsic desire to succeed; recognition of the real talent inside you. Do you know who is hiding inside you, you always knew but with the hard breeze of time and social pressures you forgot the real talent which you have which each one is born with.

Friends the only difference between success and failure is the status of the person inside you. If you let him come out, nobody can stop you from being successful and by practicing above mentioned tips you will be always success ready.

The writer is Pallavi Prakash, Founder-CEO, Knowledge Seed Learning Center & a Motivational/Corporate Trainer



## STUDY CENTRES

**T**oday, the popularity of a company depends on the brand. It is an identity of the company and/or their products in the market. Brand Management process of identifying and managing marketing techniques for a particular service or product to increase its market value, and popularity among the customers. The work of a brand manager is to plan, develop and direct the marketing efforts for a particular brand or product. Individuals wanting to make a career as a brand manager must hold an MBA degree in Brand Management or Marketing Management. If you are quick on your toes, result oriented, creative, energetic and organised, a career in this field can take you places. A few colleges to study Brand Management are:

■ **Fairfield Institute of Management and Technology**, New Delhi. **Course:** MBA Product and Brand Management

■ **Velankanni Institute of Management Studies**, Nellore. **Course:** MBA Product and Brand Management

■ **Doraha Institute of Management and Technology**, Ludhiana. **Course:** MBA Product and Brand Management

■ **Indian School of Business Management**, New Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai and Mumbai. **Course:** Advanced Diploma in Brand Management

■ **International Institute of Retail Management**, New Delhi. **Course:** Post Graduate Diploma in Brand Management

■ **Institute of Management Studies**, Ghaziabad. **Course:** Post Graduate Diploma in Brand Management

**Application deadline:** The last date to apply for scholarship applications is 16:00 (UK time) on Friday 26 April 2019.

For more terms and conditions visit: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/international/enquiry/money/ugmerit>

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## IN BRIEF

### ART AND DESIGN WORKSHOP ON ORIGAMI

**T**he Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD) organized a special creative workshop on Origami — Japanese paper folding art at their Okhla Campus. Students from Communication Design, Fashion Design and Interior Architecture & Design programmes participated in the workshop conducted by the co-founder and Design Director Hexagram Design, Ankon Mitra.

During the workshop, the students went on to create an assortment of 3D objects from textured paper. The major learning outcome was to help students explore the innumerable avenues of incorporating the art of Origami to infinite design problems they might face as designers. This traditional technique of paper folding not only unleashes the creative aspect of an artist but is also widely known to augment hand-eye coordination, logical reasoning, spatial skills and synchronisation ability.

### 100% UG PLACEMENT AT NU

**T**he NIIT University (NU) has achieved 100% placement in BTech – CSE, ECE, Biotechnology and MTech — GIS, five years in a row.

Owing to the excellent performance of NU students during their industry practice, 56%

of the batch received pre-placement offers from their organisation. The highest domestic salary offered this year was ₹14.3 lakh per annum (LPA) while the highest international salary was ₹26 LPA.

The average CTC for

the batch was ₹5.57 LPA, which is a 20% increase from the previous year.

With 519 industry partners, NU is dedicated towards building strong industry linkages ensuring best connectivity.

### FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

**K**IT World School organised a fancy dress competition for the pre-nursery, nursery and kindergarten students. The theme of the competition was — Community Helpers. The competition was not only for fun but also to develop confidence in students by giving them opportunity to get on the stage and speak in front of audience.

Children displayed their talents on the theme and dressed up as engineers, captains, policemen, teachers and farmers among others. Students explained their

character through poetry and skit. A short video was also shown to the students explaining the importance of community helpers in their daily life.

Rashmi Srivastava, principal of KIT World School said: "This is a great opportunity for the children to show their talent and face stage fear. They also got to know about the importance of community."

### DEBATE BY OSA

**T**he Old Students' Association (OSA), Hindu College organised — The 6th Clash of the Titans Invitational Debate. The alumni of Hindu College, Miranda House, Lady Shri Ram College, Sri Ram College of Commerce, Indraprastha College participated in this debate. The topic: Freedom of Speech is a Luxury India Cannot Afford.

Bollywood director Imtiaz Ali was the guest of honour & Justice Manmohan, judge, Delhi High Court was the chief guest. The winning team (the Best Team) Trophy was awarded to the Hindu College team comprising of Saket Jha Saurabh and Rohit Hari Rajan. The best Speaker Awards went to Radha Kumar from Miranda House and Saket Jha Saurabh from Hindu College.

The OSA of Hindu College was established in 1958 and since then it has been active in bringing the eminent alumni of the Hindu College, Delhi on one platform.

### MEDICAL CODER TRAINING

**C**urrently in its 5th year since inception, Omega Medical Coding Academy (OMCA) plans to have an intake and training for 1,500 students over the next six months, across Chennai, Trichy and Bengaluru. It was set up to provide a certificate course in medical coding to life sciences graduates who are willing to make a career in the field of medical coding. The 45-day course is conducted by certified instructors who have rich industry knowledge.

Along with training in medical coding, the OMCA also provides counselling and placement support to students to provide them seamless entry into the industry.

# 'Go for virtual internship'

Today, internship adds value to the CV. If you can't find a full-time internship, SARVESH AGRAWAL lists five virtual profiles which can be pursued to make resumes stand out



**Sarvesh Agrawal**  
Founder-CEO, Internshala

ic designers high in-demand. So, if you have a knack for creativity, then you can do an internship in graphic designing. As a graphic designer, you might get to work on different aspects of design like UI design, UX design, logo designing, and website designing.

**Programming:** From the continuous technological advancement in different areas like mobile technologies and web technologies, it is clearly evident that the field of computer science and information technology is constantly on a rise. This provides the students who have an interest and aptitude for coding with a bunch of opportunities in diverse areas ranging from software development and web development to mobile app development.

**Volunteering:** There are several NGOs aiming to help with a diverse number of societal issues and make a change. Creating numerous volunteering opportunities for students, these NGOs provide them with a chance to give back to the society by working for environment conservation, teaching the underprivileged, and helping the elderly. Volunteering internships can help you develop your soft skills, try your hands on different tasks, and most importantly, give you a sense of achievement while you give back to the society.

### ARTICLE BY PALLAVI PRAKASH

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# Sensex, Nifty snap 3-day rally on global sell-off

PTI ■ MUMBAI

**B**reaking its three-day rising streak, the BSE Sensex Tuesday fell over 300 points on heavy selling by market participants, in step with a global sell-off despite strengthening rupee and easing crude prices.

Besides, profit-taking in recent gains too fuelled the downward trend.

The 30-share Sensex, after starting off lower at 35,730.77, continued to slide as selling pressure picked up momentum and hit a low of 35,416.18, before settling 300.37 points, or 0.84 per cent, down at 35,474.51. The index had risen 633 points in the last two sessions on the back of increased foreign fund inflows.

The 50-share NSE Nifty too dropped by 107.20 points, or 1 per cent, to 10,656.20. Intra-day, it traded between 10,640.85 and 10,740.85.

According to Sunil Sharma, Chief Investment Officer, Sanctum Wealth Management, European indices opened lower as investors continued to monitor developments on Brexit.

"Technology companies had been leading the charge in the US and concerns about slowing growth and regulatory overhang, along with concerns around energy sector

profitability, alongside rising interest rates led to the sell-off in the US," he said.

Markets are reacting to slowing US economic growth and all eyes remain focused on commentary out of the Fed, he added. Reflecting the bearish mood, all the sectoral indices, led by metal, tech and healthcare, ended in the negative zone. Yes Bank shares saw the sharpest fall among Sensex components, tumbling 6.10 per cent after independent director Rentina Chandrashekhar resigned from the board Monday.

Other big losers were Tata Steel falling 3.21 per cent, Vedanta 2.89 per cent, NTPC 2.42 per cent, Bharti Airtel 2.09 per cent, SBI 1.79 per cent, HDFC 1.31 per cent, ICICI Bank 1.24 per cent and Maruti Suzuki 1.18 per cent.

Also, ONGC fell 1.17 per cent, RIL 0.95 per cent, Sun Pharma 0.95 per cent, PowerGrid 0.90 per cent, Coal India 0.83 per cent, Bahaj Auto 0.71 per cent, Tata Motors 0.54 per cent, Hero MotoCorp 0.50 per cent, HUL 0.43 per cent, Asian Paint 0.40 per cent, Axis Bank 0.37 per cent, L&T 0.24 per cent and ITC 0.11 per cent.

Stocks of software services exporters also bore the brunt on stronger rupee, with TCS,

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Sectorwise, the BSE metal index dropped 2.82 per cent, followed by IT 1.74 per cent, teck 1.58 per cent, healthcare 1.57 per cent, PSU 1.15 per cent, consumer durables 1.08 per cent, power 1 per cent, auto 0.83 per cent, bankex 0.78 per cent, FMCG 0.71 per cent, infrastructure 0.62 per cent, capital goods 0.37 per cent and oil & gas 0.35 per cent.

Broader markets, too, reflected a similar trend. The BSE mid-cap index fell 0.92 per cent while the small-cap shed 0.86 per cent.

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## Renault, Nissan prepare to turn page as heat rises on Ghosn

AFP ■ PARIS

**F**rench and Japanese officials scrambled Tuesday to reassure investors about the stability of the Nissan-Renault-Mitsubishi alliance, after fresh claims emerged following the arrest of auto industry titan Carlos Ghosn on financial misconduct charges.

Nissan and Mitsubishi shares plunged Tuesday after Ghosn, chairman at both carmakers, was arrested in Japan for allegedly failing to report all his Nissan pay and for inappropriate use of corporate assets.

Ghosn has not been heard from since his arrest, though sources confirmed he was being held by Tokyo prosecutors.

Nissan's board has already said it will seek to oust the architect of the three-way alliance, which combined sells more cars worldwide than any other automaker.

Sources told AFP in France that Renault too intends to strip Ghosn of his CEO title and hand over control to his number two, Thierry Bollore, in tandem with the board's lead independent director.

In a statement Tuesday, French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire and his Japanese counterpart Hiroshige Seko reaffirmed their "strong support" for "one of the greatest symbols of Franco-Japanese industrial cooperation."

Le Maire had told French radio earlier that Ghosn was "de facto no longer in a position to lead the group".

Yet investors have been unloading shares in the three carmakers since the charges emerged against Ghosn, who has houses in four countries "without any legitimate business reason," paying "huge sums" for residences in Rio de Janeiro, Beirut, Paris and Amsterdam.

## BUSINESS CORNER

### MARUTI RAMPS UP PRODUCTION OF VITARA BREZZA

**N**ew Delhi: The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) Tuesday said it has ramped up the production of its compact SUV Vitara Brezza to reduce waiting period of the model. The company has increased production of the vehicle by 10 per cent to 94,000 units during April-October period of the current fiscal as compared with same period of 2017-18. "With the Suzuki Motor Gujarat plant operational at its full capacity of 2.5 lakh units annually in Gujarat, we are able to increase the output," MSI senior executive Director (Marketing and Sales) RS Kalsi said in a statement. At present, the model has a waiting period of four-six weeks. The auto major is confident that with the reduced waiting period, it will be able to enhance the car buying and ownership experience of its customers, he added. Last fiscal, MSI sold over 1.48 lakh units of Vitara Brezza. During the first seven months (April-October) of 2018-19, the company has clocked sales of around 95,000 units of the compact SUV. The company has sold over 3.57 lakh units of Vitara Brezza cumulatively since its launch in March 2016.

### INDIA SLIPS TWO PLACES TO 53RD POSITION ON GLOBAL TALENT RANKING; SWITZERLAND ON TOP

**N**ew Delhi: India has slipped two places to rank 53rd on a global annual talent ranking released by IMD Business School Switzerland on Tuesday, while the top slot has been retained by the Alpine nation itself. Within Asia, Singapore has topped the charts with a global 13th place on the list that ranks 63 countries in developing, attracting and retaining talent. China is ranked lower at 39th "because of its difficulties in attracting foreign skilled workers paired with a level of public expenditure on education that is below the average of other advanced economies". Regarding India, the renowned business school said its position has declined from 51st in 2017 to 53rd this year. "On one hand, the country performs above the average in terms of the quality of its talent pool (Readiness factor, 30th position). On the other, the quality of its educational system and the lack of investments in public education heavily penalise the talent potential of the country (Investment and Development factor, 63rd)," it said. The rankings are based on three factors: Investment and Development, Appeal, and Readiness. These factors include indicators that capture the resources invested in developing local talent, the extent to which a country attracts and retains talent, and the quality of skills available in the talent pool. While Switzerland has topped the global ranking for the fifth year in a row, it is followed by Denmark, Norway, Austria and the Netherlands in the top-five. At 6th place, Canada is the only non-European nation in the top-ten, which also includes Finland (7th), Sweden (8th), Luxembourg (9th), and Germany (10th). The Slovak Republic (59th), Colombia (60th), Mexico (61st), Mongolia (62nd), and Venezuela (63rd) are the last countries in the ranking. Among BRICS nations, Brazil is ranked 58th, South African 50th and Russia 46th.

### NIFTY 50

SCRIPT	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	10740.10	10740.85	10640.85	10656.20	-107.20
GAIL	338.05	346.00	337.70	344.05	9.35
ADANIPORTS	349.85	357.55	347.00	355.50	4.95
INDUSINDBK	1535.00	1569.90	1528.35	1552.85	14.90
BAJFINANCE	2365.00	2392.25	2357.75	2374.00	13.05
ZEEL	444.80	451.95	440.75	449.00	2.20
M&M	78.00	79.20	77.35	78.20	0.65
HDFCBANK	2013.00	2019.60	1999.05	2012.75	-1.15
INFRAFTEL	260.00	261.25	257.90	259.30	-0.65
BPL	325.20	329.50	321.10	322.00	-0.95
ITC	285.00	286.65	281.80	283.50	-1.00
TITAN	919.00	925.20	908.85	917.30	-3.25
ASIANPAINT	1317.00	1331.05	1304.70	1307.25	-4.90
HINDUNILVR	1701.00	1709.90	1685.05	1695.00	-6.40
HINDPETRO	246.00	252.50	241.60	243.25	-1.05
LT	1410.25	1423.10	1407.70	1410.80	-6.40
TATAMOTORS	188.05	188.30	183.20	183.70	-0.85
BAJAJ AUTO	2679.65	2679.65	2663.00	2663.00	-13.35
KOTAKBANK	1170.00	1178.30	1161.25	1169.20	-6.05
HEROMOTOCO	298.90	299.45	294.00	296.50	-17.15
BAJAJFINSV	571.50	576.40	568.00	567.50	-50.85
POWERGRID	191.10	191.10	187.50	187.90	-1.80
ONGC	154.55	158.80	152.65	153.00	-1.55
AXISBANK	614.70	619.60	605.55	609.5	-6.35
HDFC	1890.00	1904.00	1872.05	1878.80	-20.55
COALINDIA	264.00	265.60	261.00	262.10	-2.95
RELIANCE	1145.00	1155.90	1130.00	1137.00	-13.00
TCS	1902.00	1902.20	1874.20	1880.00	-22.45
MARUTI	741.65	744.50	731.65	732.60	-88.05
SUNPHARMA	530.00	532.60	521.30	524.70	-6.85
EICHERMOT	2489.10	2535.00	24450.55	24550.00	-347.10
GRASIM	102.00	102.50	102.00	102.50	-0.50
ICICIBANK	347.70	348.00	343.20	348.00	-5.25
CPLA	52.80	52.85	51.65	52.10	-8.15
ULTRACEMCO	403.00	404.60	396.00	396.65	-6.50
INFY	651.70	656.00	640.10	640.60	-11.10
UPL	77.00	77.20	74.70	76.50	-14.70
SBIN	285.90	288.55	282.50	286.20	-5.55
BHARTIARTL	333.10	339.45	328.30	329.85	-7.00
IOC	143.80	144.90	138.00	139.00	-3.55
JSWSTEEL	334.00	334.25	327.00	328.25	-8.40
NTPC	152.40	153.10	148.50	148.90	-4.05
HCLTECH	1035.00	1035.00	1003.30	1011.65	-28.45
TECHM	732.50	732.50	704.05	711.60	-20.95
VEDL	210.25	210.90	200.00	205.10	-6.25
TATASTEEL	57.70	57.80	56.20	56.25	-19.15
WIPRO	330.90	330.90	320.10	321.90	-10.95
DREDDY	2520.10	2520.10	2457.35	2458.25	-90.35
IBULHSGFIN	725.55	743.90	700.00	700.60	-27.80
HINDALCO	233.85	233.85	220.40	220.60	-13.85
YESBANK	198.00	199.75	191.00	192.50	-12.30

### NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIPT	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	27120.75	27163.15	27045.85	27163.15	-345.15
OIL	200.00	204.50	195.90	202.50	1.80
DLF	169.70	175.65	169.90	174.20	1.45
COPAL	115.00	117.00	114.95	115.85	9.30
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# MARY'S PUNCHES PERFECT



Five-time champion enters semifinal to become most successful women boxer in World Championship; three other Indians also make into last four

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The celebrated Mary Kom on Tuesday became the most successful pugilist in the Women's World Championships history by assuring herself a seventh medal while three more Indians reached the semifinals to be assured of their maiden medals here.

The 35-year-old Mary, a mother of three, defeated China's Wu Yu 5-0 in the light flyweight (48kg) category quarterfinals to enter the last-four stage and be assured of at least a Bronze.

Lovlina Borgohain (69kg), Sonia Chahal (57kg) and Simranjit Kaur (64kg), part of India's young brigade in the boxing team, also reached the semifinals to be assured of medals in their debut World Championships.

The 21-year-old Borgohain, an Asian Championships Bronze medalist last year, beat Scott Kaye Frances of Australia in the quarterfinals in a unanimous decision while Sonia, also 21, was a 4-1 split decision winner against Maecela Yeni Castenada of Colombia.

Simranjit, 23, had a difficult fight against Amy Sara Broadhurst of Ireland but eventually won the quarter-final bout 3-1. In fact, the Punjab boxer lost the first and third rounds while winning the second. She, however, won in overall points which read 27-29, 28-28, 29-27, 30-26, 29-27.

Eight Indians took the field on Tuesday but four of them lost their bouts.

Pinki Rani lost her 51kg quarterfinal bout against Pang Chol Mi of North Korea in a unanimous decision while Manisha Maun was beaten by top seed and last edition's Silver winner Stoyka Petrova of Bulgaria in a 4-1 decision in 54kg.

Kachari Bhagabati (81kg) lost 3-0 on split decision against Jessica Sinisterra of Columbia. The Indian was leading in the first round but the Colombian fought back to do better in the next two to clinch the bout.

Seema Poonia (+81kg) was the last Indian to take the ring but she was no



Lovlina Borgohain in action against Kaye Scott during the quarterfinals at AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships

## AIBA WITHDRAWS FORMER WORLD CHAMP'S ACCREDITATION

NEW DELHI: Former Gold-medallist Stanimira Petrova had her world championship accreditation revoked by the International Boxing Association (AIBA) on Tuesday after the world body ruled that her allegation of corruption by judges was not backed by evidence.

The Bulgarian, a 54kg Gold-medallist in the 2014 edition, accused the judges of corruption after losing her 57kg world championship pre-quarterfinal bout to India's Sonia Chahal on Monday. Sonia won the bout in a 3-2 split decision.

AIBA's decision to revoke Petrova's accreditation came a day after her coach Petar Yosifov Lesov, a former flyweight Olympic Gold-medalist, was barred from the corner for throwing a water bottle inside the ring after the bout.

Loss of accreditation will deny Petrova access to the competition area.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the AIBA said that by her conduct, Petrova has disrespected her opponent, the judges, the referee, the event organisers and the world body itself.

It said the incident will also be forwarded to AIBA Disciplinary Commission for a review.

"Ms Petrova has made false and misleading statements regarding the AIBA officials. So, AIBA has decided to extend the removal of the accreditation to the Bulgarian boxer Stanimira Petrova (57kg) due to her unacceptable and unsportsmanlike conduct," AIBA Executive Director Tom Virgets said.

"She has shown inappropriate behaviour at the conclusion of her event. Her actions are reflective of her coach who disrespects and tries to damage the credibility of the sport," he added. Virgets said any allegation should be supported by proof, which wasn't done by Petrova. PTI

Commonwealth Games in 69kg.

"It was a tough fight but I think I handled my opponent well. I am happy to be assured of a medal in my first World Championships," Borgohain said.

"I want to win a Gold and that is my target. I will not be satisfied less than a Gold," she added.

Borgohain next faces Chen Nien-Chin of Taipei in the semifinals on Thursday.

"I had faced her once earlier and I lost. But at that time I was younger and inexperienced. But I am confident I can beat her this time," she added.

Sonia began with a solid first round but seemed to be in the backfoot in the second. With coach Rafaelle Bergamasco yelling at the ringside, she went on an attacking mode in the final round and clinched the bout.

"Rafaelle sir told me you are leading and why you are stepping back. He told me to attack in the third round which I did and won the bout. A medal is assured but I want to win the Gold," she said.

Sonia next faces Son Hwa Jo of North Korea in the semifinals on Friday while Simranjit takes on Dan Hou of China in the last four stage on the same day.

'India will be among top medal winners at 2028 Olympics'

PTI ■ PANAJI

Union Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore on Tuesday said India will be amongst the top medal-winning nations in the 2028 Olympics.

The minister also said that 2018 has turned out to be the best year for India in terms of sporting achievements.

"I have tremendous hope and belief in the Indian youth and their ability to dominate the world. We have begun the process. The wheels are turning," said the former Olympic Silver medalist.

"The 2020 (Tokyo) Olympics is very close. We will do our level best there. We will exactly know even before entering the playing arena, how many medals we will win."

"My target is Olympics of 2024 and 2028. The way we are progressing now, India would be amongst the top medal winners at the 2028 Olympics," said Rathore.

The 2024 Summer Olympics is scheduled to be held in Paris and the 2028 quadrennial games will be held in Los Angeles.

He said Indian players have left their mark on



various sporting events in the present year. "Every single international competition...Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, Para Asian Games, Youth Olympic Games...In each of these games, India has created history by winning the largest ever number of medals."

"In the Para-Asian Games, our medal tally more than doubled from 30 to 72. In the Youth Olympics, we went 400-500 per cent up from two medals to 13. All this is happening because the youth have tremendous potential," he said.

According to Rathore, sports has become a full-fledged career for youngsters, many of whom have won Commonwealth and Asian Games medals, and are aspiring Olympic medalists.

"They (athletes) have sponsors, they have endorsements. Many corporate (houses) are now getting into sports. The mega push has been given by the government itself in terms of 'Khelo India' as well as the 'Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)," he said.

## Van Dijk fires Dutch into semis

AFP ■ AMSTERDAM

Virgil van Dijk sent the Netherlands into the Nations League semi-finals after completing a dramatic comeback from two goals down with a 91st-minute equaliser that saw the Dutch snatch 2-2 draw away to Germany on Monday.

The Dutch advance from the tough three-team Group A1 at the expense of world champions France after scoring twice in the final six minutes in Gelsenkirchen as Germany were punished for not being clinical enough in the second half.

Liverpool defender Van Dijk fired home to complete the Dutch fight back after Quincy Promes pulled one back on 85 minutes following Timo Werner and Leroy Sane's first-half goals for Germany.

"It was very difficult for us, the Germans were sharper and faster in the first half," admitted Dutch coach Ronald Koeman.

"We fought to come back in the second half and pressed."

"They had their chances to finish it off, but the fight and belief we showed was enough for the point."

The draw was enough to send the Dutch into the Nations League knockout



stages as Group One winners, with France second, while bottom side Germany were already relegated to the 'B' league ahead of Monday's clash.

Koeman's side showed plenty of heart against the Germans, who were 2-0 up after just 20 minutes.

"I'm certainly disappointed with the result, but over the whole season I've seen more positives than negative," said Germany head coach Joachim Loew.

"We were punished and that's bitter."

Thomas Mueller reached the milestone of 100 Germany appearances as a second-half replacement, but Van Dijk dampened any celebrations for the hosts.

Germany needed just nine minutes to land the first blow in the clash of the European heavyweights.

There was little on when Gnabry's pass found Werner on the edge of the area, but the 22-year-old showed ice-cold finishing by hitting the bottom corner of the net past Jasper Cillessen.

Werner ended his barren run of eight internationals without a goal and Sane added the second, with the help of a deflection, 11 minutes later to seemingly floor the Dutch.

Again, there was little on when Toni Kroos floated in a long pass to Sane, who stumbled slightly, but managed to win the ball and fired home a shot which clipped the boot of a defender as it sailed past Cillessen.

The Dutch scored from their first real attack when Promes curled his shot home on 85 minutes after sustained pressure from the hosts. The scene was set for Van Dijk to complete the fairytale comeback when he produced a thumping finish to delight travelling fans just before the final whistle.

Dembele should be more responsible: Suarez

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Luis Suarez, a three-time biter of opposition players, on Monday said that Barcelona teammate Ousmane Dembele should be "more responsible" after he reportedly missed training following a marathon nocturnal video gaming session.

Dembele was dropped by the Spanish champions for last week's shock 4-3 home defeat to Real Betis following what coach Ernesto Valverde called a "sporting assessment".

But sports daily As reports that the Catalans are worried not only that he might be addicted to gaming, but also that it might ruin his career at the club.

And Suarez, no stranger to disciplinary issues himself, says that the 21-year-old France international, signed for an initial fee of 105 million euros, needs to follow the more virtuous example set by some of his Barca colleagues.

"Ousmane knows that football is a privilege for every player, maybe he should concentrate more and be more responsible regarding certain things," the Uruguayan striker told reporters ahead of his country's clash with France at the Stade de France on Tuesday.

"There are examples of professionalism at Barca that he can draw inspiration from. He'll continue to learn, with that self-confidence that will enable him to succeed at Barcelona."

## Ramkumar, Myneni out in 1st round

PTI ■ PUNE

Local favourite Arjun Kadhe stunned second seed Ramkumar Ramanathan for the biggest victory of his career while fast-emerging Sasi Kumar Mukund knocked out last week's runner-up Saketh Myneni at the KPTI-MSLTA Challenger here on Tuesday.

This was the best win for Kadhe in terms of beating a higher-ranked player as he sent packing world number 130 Ramkumar 6-3, 6-2 in the opening round of the \$50,000 hard court tournament.

Prior to Tuesday's win, the most significant win for the 370th-ranked Kadhe was against world No 200 Pedja Krstic.

It has been a tough season for Ramkumar and it ended with a whimper. Kadhe, who is playing his second season after returning from US Collegiate circuit, was fluent



with his strokes, especially the deep returns.

Ramkumar served big but unforced errors did not help his cause. Kadhe, to his credit, was well prepared for his opponent.

"I was on top of my

game. I knew him from junior days and had practised with him during the Serbia tie. I knew I can beat any Indian player," said Kadhe.

Sasi Kumar Mukund, who has a stiff back, pulled off a big win over Myneni, beat-

ing his big-serving opponent 6-4, 7-6(1) after saving a set point in the opening game.

While Myneni was fluent with his strokes, it was Mukund who stood out with his court coverage and sharp returns.

"It was a close match but I played well on crucial moments. I kept getting better. There is nothing special that I did. I have not been trying to blast the ball but try to keep the ball in wait for my chances. That's why I am having decent results," said 21-year-old Mukund.

He is now up against sixth seed Briton Jay Clarke.

Prajnesh Gunnaneswaran, the new number one player of the country, had a tough first round in which he prevailed 6-4, 6-4 against Taipei's Tsung Hua Yang.

While it was yet another first round defeat for Sumit Nagal, who went down fighting 5-7, 2-6 against top seed Radu Albot.

We're prepared to handle pressure in India: Rizwan

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan have "learnt" their lessons from the 2014 Champions Trophy controversy and are prepared to handle the crowd pressure in the hockey World Cup in India, said captain Muhammad Rizwan senior.

Four years ago, some Pakistani players had gone overboard with their celebrations after their semifinal win over India in the Champions Trophy, triggering a major controversy.

"It was not a pleasant experience, we have learnt from that," Pakistan skipper said.

"We have discussed that incident and it is behind us now. This time we know we need to be totally focused on our game and nothing else. If we can beat India in India great, but our main

objective is doing well in the World Cup not about just one match."

The World Cup will begin in Bhubaneswar from November 28 and Rizwan said his team is well prepared to handle the pressures during the prestigious tournament.

"We have trained hard for this mega event and since it is in India we have been having talks and discussions and have mentally prepared ourselves to give our best under any pressure situation in India," Rizwan said on Monday.

He said his players can deal with the crowd pressures.

"Obviously we know the Indian crowds will generally not be supporting us in matches. In the end it is all about hockey and both teams will want to win and that should produce a good contest," he said.

